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Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.January,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.Kiernan,
J.Wright.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

The President welcomed Dr.Parkes and expressed the wish that his health would enable him to continue as counsellor.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(1) With the exception of an amount of £50 the Concrete Services' account had been paid. The said balance of £50 would be paid after certain repairs had been completed.

(2) The Natural Preservation Scheme was progressing and he had arranged for a man to be put on for three to six months for the purpose of maintaining the area until the scheme was well established. His wage will be charged to the joint scheme account.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Dr.C.Parkes thanking the President and Trustees for their good wishes and congratulations on his being awarded the Royal Australian Institute of Architects' Gold Medal for 1964.

(ii) Department of Child Welfare informing Trust that they would be pleased to accept the walnut sideboard for housing in Werrington Hall at St.Marys.

(iii) Mr.Verner Cocks forwarding a cheque of £5 as a donation and the President's reply thereto.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31st.December,1964 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett,seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since December meeting to the value of £1915.2.2 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1535.7.2 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed .

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CHAIRMAN. J.A.Kelly ..SECRETARY. T.E.Schmude

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Crouch requested permission to hold the annual Mayoral Reception this year in Vaucluse House. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Barrett, this permission was granted.

Mr.Kiernan reported that there had been no further vandalism at Nielsen Park during the past few weeks.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Lusher, it was agreed that the amount of £50, to be donated by Mr.Evans, be spent on renewing style,gate and fence on the corner of Olola Avenue, Wentworth Road.

Superintendent Wright informed the meeting that he had given instructions to the staff at Rose Bay Police Station to exert all efforts to reduce vandalism at Nielsen Park.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Secretary of the Lifesavers'Club, instructing its members to supervise the area adjacent to the Club outside the enclosure.

After a long discussion on the matter of finance to cover the next ten months, on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Barrett, the following motion was resolved:-

"In view of the favourable views expressed by the Woollahra Municipal Council in the activities of the Nielsen-Vaucluse Park Trust and the vast area controlled by the Trust in the municipality, a submission be made to the Council for a grant of the sum of £4,000 to continue improvements to Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park. Further the Government be approached for a loan of £5,000 at 3% over 15 years".

The President reported that:-

(i) The restoration of Miss Wentworth's Room was well in hand.

(ii) The head gardener, P.Wunsch, had given a fortnight's notice. As the President was leaving Sydney for London on a Privy Council case next week and would be absent until 16th.March, it was decided that the engagement of a new head gardener be left to Mr.Yelland.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

CHAIRMAN..J.V.Tilley..SECRETARY..A.Schmude.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.February,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.J.A.Kelly (In the Chair),
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
H.Yelland,
G.Kiernan,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude(Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.P.Lusher,G.Crouch, J.Wright and C.Parkes.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Vice-President reported that:-

(i) The Woollahra Municipal Council had donated £4000 to Trust towards defrayal of expenses incurred in improvement works. On behalf of the President and Trustees, he expressed deep gratitude to Mr.Crouch for his efforts on behalf of the Trust in connection with this matter.

(ii) In reply to President's letter the Lands Department had approved of a repayable advance of £6000 for restoration works at Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park.

(iii) The gates at entrance from Olola Avenue had been returned during the month and he had sent a letter of thanks to Mr.Burnett for his generosity to the Trust.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Copy of letter sent by Mr.A.Landa to the Woollahra Municipal Council re concrete pipe at Nielsen Park. This matter was being attended to by the Council.

(ii) Department of Lands enclosing gazette notice appointing Superintendent J.A.Wright in place of Superintendent J.H.Rogers, retired.

(iii) Department of Lands acknowledging President's letter requesting a loan of £6000.

(iv) Department of Lands informing Trust that the Minister had approved of an advance of £6000.

(v) Sgt.A.G.Barton requesting a ruling from the Trust about entry of unauthorised vehicles to Trust's properties. The Secretary was directed to inform Sgt.Barton that the Trust wishes the Police Department to institute proceedings on matters handled by the Police for the Trust.

(vi) Aust.& N.Z.Book Co.re "The Camellia Treasury for Gardeners" ,was noted.

(vii) Time Incorporated in reply to President's letter was noted.

(viii) Invitation to the President and Trustees to attend the setting of the Foundation Stone of Wentworth Memorial Church on Saturday,27th.Feb., 1965. The Secretary was directed to ask Mr.W.C. Wentworth whether the mausoleum had been considered in place for erection of new church; and exactly who has the responsibility for the care and upkeep of the mausoleum.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

J.A.Kelly

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/1/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since January meeting to the value of £1518.6.0 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1725.5.3 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed on the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kiernan.

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Mr.Yelland reported that:-

(i) Four advertisements had been inserted for the position of head gardener. Eight applicants had replied. Of these, he had interviewed three. Two had seemed outstanding. He had engaged F.Thompson as head gardener replacing P.Wunsch, and J.Kearney as gardener replacing J.Graham, who had been transferred to the Natural Preservation Scheme work in the outer park, in accordance with the President's instructions. He had made an inspectio of the cottage at Steel Pt.and considered that there were a few repairs needed costing in the vicinity of £100. The Vice-President thanked Mr.Yelland for his efforts in obtaining a head gardener and it was resolved to have the necessary repairs attended to in the near future.

(ii) Messrs.Dowse and Dickin from the Department of Technical Education had given many hours of their spare time to cataloguing the furniture in Vaucluse House and had presented this catalogue to the Trustees. It was decided to write to the Director of Technical Education informing him of the work done by these teachers and also to the teachers themselves, thanking them for the catalogue.

(iii) He had inspected the suite of furniture and sewing table at Concord West as requested at the previous meeting and had been in communication with Mr.Stanley Lipscombe to ascertain whether the furniture could have been the property of W.C.Wentworth or of the same period. The suite was badly in need of repair. As Mr.Lipscombe was doubtful that it belonged to Wentworth, he had offered £20 each for the two armchairs and £20 for the sewing table. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, it was resolved that these be procured if they were available.

The Vice-President told the Trustees that a Miss Rosemary Taplin claimed to have found original drawings on the rocks surrounding Nielsen Park. It was decided that Miss Taplin be asked to furnish copies of these drawings to the Trust.

A quote from Mr.Marler to renew in copper all existing galvanised water pipes at Nielsen Park kiosk and dwelling for £116 was accepted, on the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Miller. Mr.Kiernan suggested that Mr.McCole might be asked to contribute something to the cost and the matter was left in the hands of Mr.Kiernan.

Mr.Miller raised the question of boats being permitted to be placed in Vaucluse Bay reserve and suggested that by-law 34a be redrawn. He also suggested that a sign prohibiting the beaching of boats be erected. He had noticed the poor condition of the gravel drive and suggested that gravel be purchased at an early date.

The foreman at Nielsen Park informed the Secretary that he could procure a reconditioned refrigerator for the Dressing Sheds at a cost of £29. He had previously

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discussed the matter with the President. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Kiernan,it was agreed to purchase the refrigerator from Goblin Electrics.

A letter had been written to Mr.L.S.Kriesler about a straying dog in Vaucluse Park. As the letter had been ignored and the dog still persisted in creating a nuisance in the park, the Secretary was directed to write a second letter informing Mr.Kriesler that the matter would now be referred to the Trustees for action.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Yelland, it was resolved that a budget committee be formed upon the return of the President from overseas, to obtain quotes for all future undertakings in the restoration of the House and for works at Nielsen Park.

Mr.Kiernan brought the following matters to the Trustees' notice:-

(i) His director, Mr.Burnett, had donated a hailer to Nielsen Park,

(ii) The gas lights for erection on Olola Avenue entrance pillars were on their way from London;

(iii) Mr.Evans of Olola Avenue had reported to him that Mr.Don of Olola Avenue had chopped the centre of one of Council's trees in the avenue. The Council had informed him that Mr,Don would be prosecuted;

(iv) Mr.Kiernan had completed renovating the Sampler and it was now being framed prior to being placed in the Period Costume Room;

(v) He would suggest the Secretary write to Mr.Fallon to ascertain the name and address of buyer of Mr.Fallon's land adjacent to beach reserve in order that negotiations be entered into about the fence;

(vi) The area surrounding the kiosk at Nielsen Park was untidy and, as it was the kiosk proprietor's responsibility, he sought permission to speak to Mr.McCole regarding this matter. Permission was granted.

(vii) He had noticed the shocking condition of the Park at Nielsen after large organised picnics, particularly on Thursday, 21st.January,when the City Tattersall's Club picnic was held. It took 72 hours (three men for three days) to clear the debris, and he suggested that a cleaning fee be charged. The proper method of charging was entrusted to Mr.Miller for investigation.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN. J.J.Kelly SECRETARY. T.Bennett

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.March,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.J.A.Kelly, (In the Chair),
E.S.Miller,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
J.Wright,
T.E.Schmude (Secretary).

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.J.K.Barrett and C.Parkes.

Before proceeding with the meeting the Vice-President congratulated Superintendent J.Wright on his promotion as Metropolitan Superintendent.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Vice-President reported that:-

(i) Miss Rosemary Taplin had presented a copy of aboriginal drawings and reported that she had two more charts still to complete:

(ii) The sister of W.C.Wentworth (Mrs.A.Weekes) had informed the Secretary that the Wentworth family were in control of the Mausoleum but, that in the erection of the Wentworth Memorial Church, certain restorations would be carried out;

(iii) The Secretary had communicated with Mr.Joriss who had purchased the land adjacent to beach reserve and he informed her that the house would be erected later in the year but that, in the meantime, he would see what could be done with the adjoining fence;

(iv) As the stonemason would be absent for at least another two months, the Secretary was obtaining quotes to complete bridge near coachhouse and underpinning of painter's cottage ;

(v) On behalf of the Trustees he wished to convey sincere thanks to Mrs.Kiernan for the splendid work she had put into the Sampler and display case of childrens' frocks.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) St.Aidan's Church of England,Longueville, requesting a donation of admission tickets to Vaucluse House for their annual fete. On the motion of Mr.Crouch, seconded by Mr.Lusher, £2 worth of adult admission tickets were donated.

(ii) "Gregory's 100 Miles Around Sydney" advertisement (half page for £21.5.0) was repeated, on the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Yelland.

(iii) Mrs.Hales, regarding misconduct at picnics held at Nielsen Park. The Secretary was directed to thank Mrs.Hales for her interest and inform her that every endeavour is made to see that parties are well conducted. Mr.Yelland suggested that ~~parties~~ a circular setting out regulations should be enclosed with [illegible]/.

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CORRESPONDENCE. (iv) Mr.Dunbar, Director of Technical Education, thanking Trust for letter on behalf of Messrs.Dickin and Dowse for extensive work carried out by them in cataloguing furniture in Vaucluse House.

(v) Mr.Gately, Hooker Pty.Ltd.forwarding a further £25 as donation towards stone and enclosing an account for £95 from Brambles Ltd. As Hookers had donated £50 towards this amount, Mr.Crouch suggested that Brambles be asked to make a donation also and the Secretary was directed to attend to this matter.

(vi) Express Tourist Service re advertisement in tourist guide - £30 for space of 4½ x 3". On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Lusher, the advertisement was agreed to.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 28/2/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Crouch, accounts paid since February meeting to the value of £989.4.0 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1138.17.5 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Crouch, it was resolved that a fibre-glass awning for head gardener's cottage be purchased for £39 and a set of tubs installed.

Mr.Yelland reported that as there had been no news of the chairs and table he had inspected earlier, he assumed that they had been sold.

Mr.Kiernan informed the meeting that:-

(i) He had spoken to Mr.McCole about the untidy condition of area surrounding the Nielsen Park Kiosk and this had been attended to:

(ii) The loud hailer donated to Trust had been damaged whilst being repaired and it is doubtful whether it can be repaired satisfactorily;

(iii) As Mr.Kriesler had ignored both letters sent to him about nuisance caused by his dog in Vaucluse Park, he considered the Trust should take the appropriate action. The matter would be put in the hands of the President for attention.

(iv) As the suggestion to restore the gravel drive was rather costly, he suggested that tourist coaches be parked outside in Olola Avenue. It was left to Mr.Kiernan to contact the directors of the Coach Companies informing them ofthe Trust's decision. It was suggested that the head-gardener's scheme for restoring the drive be deferred for discussion with the Budget Committee.

(v) Accompanied by Mrs.Kiernan and Mr.and Mrs.Crouch, he had accepted the invitation of the Kuring-gai Trust at the opening of Commodore Heights and all were very impressed with development of this area.

(vi) He would suggest that the prosecution of Mr.Don of Olola Avenue for defacing a tree in Olola Avenue be reported in the Wentworth News as a deterrent to others. Mr.Crouch was entrusted with this matter.

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OTHER MATTERS. Mr/Miller informed the meeting that he had interviewed the Secretary of City Tattersall's Club about cleaning fee being charged for their annual picnic. The Secretary suggested that the Trust should write to the Club drawing attention to the works carried out by the Trust with a view to the Trust being included in their beneficiaries. This was agreed to and Mr.Miller offered to draft a letter on these lines.

The question of condition of parking area in Greycliffe Avenue was raised by Mr.Miller and it was agreed that, as nothing can be done at this stage with the improvement of the parking area, the head gardener may be able to suggest some means of beautifying this part of Nielsen Park.

Mr.Lusher reported that he had endeavoured to contact Mr.Monaghan of the Department of Local Government about the cannon in which the Trust was interested but, up to date, had not been able to interview him. He also suggested that at the next meeting radio advertising during the winter months be discussed.

Quotations for insulating the flat in House was discussed and the matter was left with Mr.Kiernan for further quotes.

A letter from the County Council and an account for £1.7.4 for electricity used by P.Wunsch at Steel Point was discussed and the Secretary was directed to return the account to the County Council with a covering letter furnishing them with Wunsch's address.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.April,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
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P.Lusher,
G.[illegible],
H.Yelland,
[illegible],
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary).

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGY. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller and J.Wright.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

Before commencing the meeting the President conveyed his thanks and appreciation to the Vice-President,his co-Trustees and the Secretary for their attention to Trust matters during his absence abroad.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) The specialist had advised W.Scott, the stonemason, against resumption of work.

(ii) The balance of £45 had been paid to Brambles for stone as the amount of £95 charged was a reduced price.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Mr.J.H.Rogers tendering his resignation as Counsellor. The President informed the meeting that, upon accepting Mr.Rogers resignation, he would thank him for his services to the Trust and convey the Trustees' appreciation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since March meeting to the value of £916.9.10 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1357.17.1 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The President reported that:-

(i) During his visit to London recently he had visited several historic homes, which were interesting for purposes of comparison; he would in due course make available their brochures,etc.

(ii) Mr.W.C.Wentworth recently visited Vaucluse House. He had taken up the matter of tax reductions for donations and was sure the matter would be arranged. The Taxation Department had informed him that, providing finances were confined to the House only (as a Museum) ,exemption would be allowed and he, the President, had written to the Auditor-General requesting a re-arrangement of the accounts in conformity with the ruling of the Taxation Department.

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(iii) The curtains and bed drapes for Miss Wentworth's Room would be completed and hung before Easter. The First Bedroom was now being restored.

(iv) The Woollahra Municipal Council had forwarded to him three letters from residents in reference to the Natural Restoration Scheme He would arrange to meet these people, who had been written to before the scheme was put under way, to try and enlist their coOoperation. He would also write to the Council on the matter.

(v) Consequent upon a paragraph quoting "Time" as its source in Column 8 of the Sydney Morning Herald about the nets at Nielsen Park, he had written to the paper concerned,protesting against the baselessness of the paragraph's contents and enclosing Time's letter of apology. Two days later the Herald printed an apology.

(vi) It was intended during the winter months to make progress with the Bottle and Glass headland.

Mr.Kiernan told the meeting that the painting of the exterior of kiosk at Nielsen Park was almost finished and that Mr.McCole had done further cleaning up outside the kiosk. He raised the question of the cocktail party to be tendered to benefactors in the near future. A date was to be fixed for this function.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was decided to insulate the roof of secretarial residence with fibreglass at a cost of £111.9.10.

Radio advertising during the winter months was discussed. It was agreed that the advertising continue but that Mr.Yelland discuss with manager of Station 2S.M the best times for advertising.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr.Lusher until the September meeting.

The matter of the dinghies in Vaucluse Bay was discussed and deferred until the President had spoken to Mr.Miller.

The Secretary was requested to communicate with Mr.Worral of the N.R.M.A. and procure rates of advertising in the N.R.M.A.monthly.

As it was felt necessary to have an architect for the Trust in an honorary capacity,Mr.Parkes outlined what he had done to this end and presented a draft letter to the Government Architect.

The matter of patrons slipping on the gravel drive was discussed.
Mr.Crouch suggested that Mr.Geno inspect all stone work requiring attention and give quotes.This was agreed to and the matter was left to the President and Mr.Crouch.

It was decided to compile a list of future improvement projects to be undertaken for the consideration of the trustees.

MEETING CLOSED.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.May,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
[redacted],
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
J.Wright,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) and Mr.P.Hall (Hon.Architect were also present.

Before commencing the meeting the President on behalf of himself and his co-Trustees, congratulated Mr.Yelland on his appointment as Director of Secondary Education.

He also welcomed Mr.Hall, Architect of the Department of Public Works, acting on behalf of Mr.Farmer, who had accepted the position of honorary architect of the Trust.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) In reference to the tax rebates which had been discussed previously for donations to Vaucluse House Museum Fund, he had an appointment the following week with two officers of the Auditor-General's Department for the purpose of discussing the re-arrangements of the accounts for such purposes.

(ii) He interviewed two residents who had complained about some aspects of the Natural Restoration Scheme and had also written to the Woollahra Municipal Council as requested at the previous meeting. He considered that, during the next twelve months, it was imperative that the area be kept in good condition. The Trust's head-gardener and the head-gardener of the Council were already working in co-operation and it would be necessary to keep an employee permanently on this section.

(iii) The party for Trust's benefactors had been held on Friday, 7th.May, and was very successful. After the party Mr.Gordon Marsh had donated £5 towards the restoration of Vaucluse House.

(iv) A further £50 had been received from Mr.H.Evans of Olola Avenue for improving steps in Olola Avenue.

(v) He had written to the chairman of the Opera Trust in reference to the statue of Romeo and Juliet in reception room. He thought the Opera Trust might be interested in the purchase of this statue.

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(vi) A quote had been received from Mr.B.Bowd for restoring grass verge around Park, to the amount of £306. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, it was moved that this quotation be accepted, (if another quote to be obtained were in excess of this.)

(vii) He had purchased for the Trust Library a copy of Frank O'Grady's novel "Sun Breaks Through", a story built around the life of Sir Henry Browne Hayes.

(viii) Regarding the suggestion of the head-gardener in the Secretary's Report re eliminating flower beds on lawn and establishing these beds elsewhere, it was resolved that this be discussed with the Landscape Architect in the first instance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/4/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Yelland, accounts paid since April meeting to the value of £1199.4.9 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1273.13.9 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. On the motion of Mr.Crouch, seconded by Mr.Barrett, a list of works quoted by the C.B.C.Constructing Company was agreed to subject to further consideration of some items by Mr.Hall.

The President presented a list of proposed improvements to both Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks and it was agreed that these works be done in order of priority and according to finance during the ensuing six months.

A discussion on the placing of china in House took place and it was agreed that Mr.Yelland and Mr.Kiernan go into the matter and report.Mr.Crouch suggested that, as Mr.Gordon Russell had probably the best collection of china in Sydney, he may be able to advise the Trust on this matter.

The conversion to dollar currency of the change machine at Nielsen Park and all toilet slots was left in the hands of Mr.Yelland for consideration.

On the motion of Mr.Wright, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, the alteration of By-law 34a be re-drafted by Mr.Miller,was resolved . The Secretary was directed to inform the Lands Department of this alteration.

Mr.Crouch reported that a report on the stormwater channel in Vaucluse Park had been submitted to the Woollahra Municipal Council and the Council had undertaken to do the necessary work at a cost of approximately £800.

The matter of re-covering treads on main staircase was discussed and, in order to keep the House in its own period, it was agreed that Mr.Hall might consider what would have been used in the time of W.C.Wentworth.

H. Hall Chairman. E. Schmeder Secretary.

OTHER MATTERS. The purchase of gang mowers for the outer areas was referred to Mr.Barrett for investigation.

Mr.Crouch reported that a propos of his contacting Sir Norman Nock with a view to advertising in the N.R.M.A.monthly, he was informed that Sir Norman was overseas but he would interview him on his return.

Mr.Stanley of the Lands Department had proposed printing the Vaucluse House Guide, but as the printing machine of his Department had been out of repair for some time, the printing was now to be placed in the hands of the Government Printer.

Mr.Kiernan reported that:-

(i) Mrs.W.Allen had promised several choice plants from her glasshouse for the Trust and he would take the head-gardener to her home to collect these:

(ii) The water service had been renewed as necessary in the men's toilets and the toilets had been painted and much improved. The women's toilets were now being painted as well as the roof of garage and lifesavers' quarters.

(iii) As restoration of the House necessitated additional furniture he had arranged an appointment with the Trust's President and the President of the Technical Museum with a view to possible loan of unused period pieces.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12.10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.June,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.Barrett,Crouch, Parkes and Hall.
(Mr.Lusher -leave of absence).

Before proceeding with the meeting the President reported the death of Mrs.P.Wurth and the mother of F.Irvine, Nielsen Park Foreman. He would write to the respective families on behalf of the Trustees.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) He had discussed the proposal of removing the centre beds from lawns with Mr.M.Watson of the Botanic Gardens. Mr.Watson agreed that these beds could be removed and the roses planted elsewhere. On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, it was decided to remove all roses from first bed only, these to be replanted in bed surrounding dry fountain. The other two remaining beds on lawn are to be retained.

(ii) The Honorary Architect was obtaining complete advice regarding the covering of treads on main staircase.

(iii) The Honorary Architect was calling for tenders for ladies toilet block at Nielsen Park. This work will need to be completed by the end of August.

(iv) Bowd's quotation of £306 for filling in the area surrounding Vaucluse Park in Olola Avenue was accepted in preference to the other quote which was considerably higher.

(v) Mr.Benning of the Australian Gaslight Company had sent out two lamps for erection on pillars in Wentworth Road. These lamps were smaller than those previously planned and would be suitable for the pillars of gateway in Wentworth Road. They are to be installed and connected with gas within the next two weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) The Chairman, Sydney Opera House Executive Committee in reply to President's letter informing the Trust that statue of Romeo and Juliet would not be in keeping with the style of architecture of the Opera House.

(ii) Deputy Commissioner of Taxation informing Trust that gifts of £1 and upwards will be allowable deductions for income tax purposes.

(iii) Mr.Mrs.M.Herford and Mr/Mrs.G.Sample thanking Trustees for their hospitality on the night of 7th.May.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE.

(iv) Sgt.A.G.Barton, Vaucluse Police Station, informing Turst of action taken regarding vehicles parked in Nielsen Park on 18th. January,1965.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/5/64 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kiernan, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since May meeting to the value of £956.15.1 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1110.11.6 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

On the motion of Mr.Kiernan, seconded by Mr.Kelly, quotation from Davis Bros.for removing dead trees in Vaucluse Park to the amount of £60 was accepted.

Mr.Yelland reported that he had been unable to attend to the matter of the glass and china room but would attend to it as soon as possible. In regard to the conversion of machines to decimal currency, as the time had now expired to have any machines converted at the Government's expense any expense incurred would have to be borne by the Trust

It was resolved that the President, Treasurer and Mr.Kiernan review all charges both for Nielsen Park and Vaucluse House and report at the next meeting.

Mr.Kelly was asked if he would look into the drawings,etc.of aboriginal art as carried out by Miss Rosemary Taplin and check with the Technical Education Department as to their authenticity,etc. and in due course advise the Trustees on the matter.

Mr.Kiernan reported further painting of all toilets at Nielsen Park and the completion of the exterior painting of Nielsen Kiosk.

The President reported that:-

(i) Mr.Mrs.M.Herford had kindly donated a copper coal scuttle for Drawing Room.

(ii) As resolved at the last meeting the prices as quoted by the C.B.C.Constucting Company were accepted and the work would commence on Tuesday, 15th.inst .

(iii) He and Mr.Neil Morrison,Contractor, had inspected Bottle and Glass with a view to placing filling and soil. He had come to very useful arrangements with Mr.Morrison, who was prepared to level off all filling and purchase ashes at his own expense in order to complete the areas.

(iv) He had arranged for the head gardener to test depths of soil at Bottle and Glass prior to purchasing and planting the necessary trees.

(v) The Eastern Command Band would give a recital at Vaucluse Park on Sunday,29th.September.He had not had a reply as yet from the Police Department, the Air Force and the Department of the Navy.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

(vi) Mr.Swanson of the Child Welfare Department had informed the Secretary that the Government Stores had approved of the payment of £40 for sideboard. He was now trying to place the sideboard as the house at St.Marys was found to be unsuitable.

(vii) Work on cellar was progressing by Trust's carpenter. There was further drainage to be attended to and work to be done on ceiling by plasterer. Before long it should be possible to open cellars to the public.

(viii) The fence surrounding J.Stewart's flat at coachhouse had been removed and a rock garden substituted. He had arranged for a small lattice fence to be erected at the back of flat.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12 o'clock.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.July,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
G.A.Kiernan,
J.Wright, GROCH
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Messrs.C.Parkes (Counsellor) and P.Hall (Hon.Architect) were also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.Yelland.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) As agreed at previous meeting the circular bed on main lawn had been planted temporarily with annuals.

(ii) The C.B.C.Contracting Co.had quoted £1717.10.0 for erecting new toilet block at Nielsen Park. The quotation had been accepted on the basis that the work would be completed by the end of August.As previously arranged this quotation was accepted on the advise of the Hon.Architect.

(iii) The gas lamps erected by the Australian Gas Light Company on pillars in Wentworth Road were quite satisfactory.

(iv) The dead trees in outer parks had been removed by Davis Bros.as quoted.

(v) Only toilet slots would have to be altered to comply with forthcoming currency changes and the matter was left in the hands of Mr.Barrett.

(vi) The head gardener had the planting of trees at Bottle and Glass in hand.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(1) The Director and Chief Botanist, Botanic Gardens re furthering of Natural Restoration Scheme and the President's reply thereto.

(ii) Mrs.S.Martin, Olola Avenue,Vaucluse re Natural Restoration Scheme. It was agreed that the President communicate with Mrs/Martin and explain the programme on hand and the Trustees' objectives.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accpunts paid since June meeting to the value of £1573.14.2 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1529.2.3 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Kelly reported that he had been in touch with the Australian Museum re the aboriginal drawings. Mr.David Moore, Curator of the Anthropology Department, had inspected the plans left in Trust's office by Miss Taplin and would inspect the carvings with Miss Taplin in the near future.

Mr.Kiernan reported that (1) the exterior painting of Nielsen Kiosk was complete, (2) the roof of ladies toilets was being repaired and oiled for the present and that it would require tiling possibly in a year ot two (3) he would again get in touch with Mr.Max Lawson re disposing of the statue of Romeo and Juliet (4) he had requested soil from Mr.Gordon Marr and Mr.Max Paton whenever they were in a position to supply it.

Mr.Wright suggested that the Police Choir might give a recital at Vaucluse House at a later date and the matter was left to Mr.Wright.

The President reported that:-

(i) Mr.McKern of the Applied Arts and Sciences Museum would inspect the carved door during the coming week to ascertain whether it was suitable for the Museum of Technology. He hoped at a future date to make available to the Trust some period costumes on loan.

(ii) Further draining was being carried out in cellar.After having being cleaned, cellars would be open for inspection though the stone floor would first require some attention.

(iii) Erection of lattice fence at back of coachhouse flat would be started during the coming week.

(iv) The following dates for Band Recitals at Vaucluse House were:-

Sunday, 12th.Sept. Police Pipe Band.
Sunday, 19th.Sept. Eastern Command Band.
Sunday, 26th.Sept. Police Military Band.

(v) Sgt.Barton had informed him that three defendants were dealt with last Thursday for parking cars in Nielsen Park without authority on Friday,15th.January during the annual picnic of the Maritime Services Board. Two similar cases had been stood over. The magistrate wished it to be recorded in Trust's Minutes whether these two, Cynthia Nelson of Double Bay and Noel Sherry of Cabramatta, had been in the park with or without the Trustees' consent. It was duly recorded that neither of the parties had any authority from the Trustees,and the President would notify Sgt.Barton of this fact.

(vi) The annual Camellia Show at Farmer's Blaxland Gallery would be held on 26th.,27th.,28th.July. We would offer any assistance possible.

(vii) The bed hangings and curtains had been hung in the main bedroom. The Reception Room was now being restored

(viii) Improvements had been made on eastern slope of Bottle and Glass and much clearing had been done, leaving only good trees for shade. The roadways and embankments were being improved.

After a lengthy discussion regarding increased prices for Nielsen Park and Vaucluse House the following alterations were resolved upon:-

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

Vaucluse House.

Adult Admissions to Vaucluse House from 2/- to 2/6 (as soon as new tickets would be neeeed).

Postcards from 9d. to 1/- from 1st.August,'65.

Nielsen Park.

Increases to commence from commencement of swimming season.
Cubicle Hire from 2/- to 2/6

Locker Hire from 9d.to 1/-

Tables with seats in park from 2/- to 2/6

Parking Fees from 2/- to 2/6.

As from 11th.July, No.2 Pavilion would be increased from £8 to £10 and Erection of Tents from £4.4.0 to £5.

The matter of family tickets was discussed.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.August,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
~~T.E.Schmude.~~
(Mrs)T.E.Schmude. (Secretary)

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) He had visited Mr.Halbert on the previous day. Mr.Halbert continued to be interested in the doings of the Trust and sent his best wishes to all Trustees.

(ii) Work on the toilet block at Nielsen Park was progressing well. The walls were now up to roof level.

(iii) Mr.McKern of the Arts and Science Museum had inspected the carved door and informed him that it would not be suitable for the Museum.

(iv) The inshore pile of the enclosure had given way during heavy seas last week. Accompanied by Mr.Jenkins, he and Mr.Kiernan had made an inspection and Mr.Jenkins had agreed to drill a hole to a depth of 6 feet for a new pile,with tractor equipment on the shore. Mr.Barrett agreed to speak to Mr.Jenkins about the matter.

(v) Mr.Stanley Lipscombe had requested the favour of holding the General Meeting of the Ceramic Society in Vaucluse House on Thursday,12th. August at 8 p.m. As Mr.Lipscombe had been of great assistance in identifying china and furniture for the Trust he had, after consulting several Trustees, given permission on behalf of the Trustees for this meeting,explaining to Mr.Lipscombe that it was not the general rule of the Trustees to permit functions in Vaucluse House.

(vi) A quotation from the C.B.C.Contracting Co.for replacing one stone in wall of coachhouse and re-facing section of lower wall at a cost of £117.0.0 and repairs to cellar floor,£56.10.0, was accepted on the motion of Mr.Crouch, seconded by Mr.Barrett.

(vii) The Reception Room was under restoration.Repairs had been done to floor,grate and fireplace. Two ramps had been constructed and carpeted and the painting had been done. Curtains were being made and the room should be finished before Westbrook goes on annual leave at the end of the month.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

(viii) Much clearing had been done at Bottle and Glass but there was still a considerable amount of work to be done before the swimming season.

(ix) The head gardener had planted native plants received from Stony Range Flora in a section of the outer park, had sown sections of rye grass and was obtaining through the Forestry Commission a number of trees that had been recommended by the Chief Botanist of the Botanic Gardens.

GENERAL BUSINESS. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the Secretary was authorised to sign the "license to occupy" agreement for premises at Steel Pt.occupied by the head gardener.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Kiernan accounts paid since July meeting to the value of £765.17.1 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1223.13.3 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. On the motion of Mr.Crouch, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, the decision in reference to adult admissions to swimming enclosure and parking fees made at last meeting were rescinded. Charges were agreed as follows:

Adult Admissions 1/6 instead of 1/-.
Car Park Fees 3/- instead of 2/6.

Mr.Barrett suggested that gang mowers would be suitable for work in outer parks. Further investigation was entrusted to Mr.Barrett.

It was suggested that the Cobb and Co.coach be restored to preserve it from the weather and Mr.Yelland offered to make enquiries from the Technical College.

On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Yelland,it was resolved that the avenue in outer park leading to Petrarch Avenue be named the "Laura Walk".

Mr.Kiernan reported that lawns at Nielsen Park had been top dressed during the month. He also mentioned that Mrs.John Snep had donated some baby clothes of the Wentworth era.

The President reported that:-

(i) The sideboard at present housed in the kitchen was to be removed by the Child Welfare Department during the coming fortnight.

(ii) During his last visit overseas he noticed that in some of the old homes,small picture galleries created interest. He was of the opinion that,as the Trust had a number of interesting pictures which were not suitable for hanging in the rooms of the House,the corridor now known as the "broom room" might in due course be converted into a gallery for this miscellaneous collection.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th.September,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
G.J.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller,P.Lusher, J.Wright, C.Parkes and P.Hall.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) The toilet block at Nielsen Park was completed with the exception of the painting and some filling at the back of building.

(ii) The inshore pile was not yet erected but, as soon as the tides were favourable, the work would be carried out.

(iii) The Reception Room was nearing completion. The curtains would be hung possibly within the next week.

(iv) Tree and shrub planting had been completed at Bottle and Glass headland by the head gardener and a quote was beingobtained to purchase some good filling for parts of this area.

(v) A number of trees had been obtained from the Forestry Commission for the Natural Restoration Scheme. Some had been planted and further planting would be done during the coming week.

(vi) He had received word from the Child Welfare Department that the sideboard would be collected within a week or two.

(vii) The Hon.Architect had arranged for a Mr.Evans to inspect the cottage in outer park with a view to underpinning and would consult with him and make recommendations in due course.

(viii) Mr.Stanley, Administrator of Parks and Reserves, had returned from overseas and would arrange for the new Minister for Lands, Mr.Lewis, to meet the Trustees at a luncheon at a date to be fixed by Mr.Lewis.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since August meeting to the value of £2642.16.3 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1776.17.5 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Yelland informed the meeting that he had approached the Department of Technology regarding the work to be done on the Cobb and Co.Coach and that the Department would contact the Secretary with a view to inspecting the coach. He also mentioned that he considered some rustic seats should be placed at Bottle and Glass, and this was agreed to, he to discuss with the carpenter.

Mr.Barrett mentioned the poor condition of the Mausoleum. As the Trustees were not sure who were the rightful owners of the Mausoleum, Mr.Crouch offered to make enquiries.

The President reported that:-

(i) The C.B.C.Contracting Co.had completed retaining wall at Nielsen, path in front of dressing sheds and steps adjacent to boatshed. Fireplaces were still to be constructed at Bottle and Glass and several jobs at Vaucluse Park were to be done.

(ii) Mr.Hall had made specifications for fence to be erected in beach reserve and, as soon as the quote was obtained, he would get in touch with Mr.Joriss, the adjoining owner.

(iii) Me and Mr.Kiernan had thought that a section of ladies toilets at Nielsen Park might be converted to men's toilets. As the quote was over £500, the matter was left in abeyance for this coming season.

(iv) Mr.Hall was making enquiries about the carpet needed for stairs in main corridor. Before the stairs were carpeted, the walls would have to be cement-water-proofed in places and painted. Westbrook would commence this work after he had completed the various signs for Nielsen Park.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday,10th.October,1965.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
Mrs. T.E.Schmade (Secretary)

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.C.Parkes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following officers were unanimously elected to hold office for the ensuing twelve months:-

President:	Mr.H.A.Snelling,
Vice-President.	Mr.J.A.Kelly,
Treasurer.	Mr.J.R.Barrett.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) The toilet block had been oompleted and opened on Saturday,9th.October. The attachment of slot machines to doors was held in abeyance for the present.

(ii) The inshore pile was renewed during the past week. Acting on the advice of Mr.Jenkins, a reinforced tubular steel pile wassunk into rock and cemented in preference to a wooden pile, as at first contemplated.

(iii) The Reception Room was complete as regards painting and curtains. Furnishings were still under way.

(iv) Bottle and Glass areas still required some road filling. A quote of approximately £130 was accepted from W.Bowd and this filling should be delivered during the next month.

(v) As requested, Mr.Crouch had made enquiries as to the ownership of the Mausoleum. It is understood that the area within the iron fence belongs to the Wentworth family and the remainder to the Church of England. It was resolved that a committee consisting of the President, Mr.Crouch and Mr.Yelland meet the Trustees of the Estate and the Church Committee to discuss the question of the Mausoleum and report at the earliest opportunity.

(vi) The C.B.C.Contracting Co.would commence work at Vaucluse shortly. A few minor jobs remained to be done at Nielsen Park.

(vii) He had sent Mr.Joriss the plan and quote for £127 for fence to be erected and was awaiting further word from Mr.Joriss.

(viii) Work was about to commence on main hall. Mr.Andrew was to quote for waterproof-cement sections of wall prior to painting.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.Lavery, Greycliffe Avenue,Vaucluse, regarding condition of parking area. The matter was left to the President to discuss with Woollahra Council's engineer before replying to Mr.Lavery's letter.

(ii) The President of Bondi Amateur Swimming Club requesting permission to hold the Club's annual carnival at Nielsen Park on 6th.March. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Barrett, approval was given and a trophy valued at twenty-five guineas to be given on behalf of the Trust.

(iii)Lands Department informing Trust that a portion of annual grant would be paid within the next few days.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) ~~On the~~ Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett,seconded by Mr.Kiernan, accounts paid since September meeting to the value of £951.7.3 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1080.13.4 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Yelland reported that the Director of Technical Education would be pleased to renovate the Cobb and Co.coach.

Mr.Barrett mentioned that he was of the opinion tha a Trust representative should interview the President of the Lifesaving Club about unseemly conduct by the members. The President was requested to attend to this matter. Mr.Barrett also mentioned that, as requested by the President, he had made enquiries from the Council's Engineer in regard to mower for cutting on steep banks of the Park. A machine, called a scrub-cutter, could be purchased at a cost of £170.10.0 from McCulloch of Granville. It was resolved that Mr.Barrett arrange for a demonstration and, if satisfactory, to acquire the machine through the Government Stores Department.

Mr.Kiernan reported (1) that a new handrail on promenade had been erected; (2) roof of tunnel would be painted within the coming month; (3) he had interviewed Mr.McCole regarding the condition of kitchen in Nielsen kiosk and Mr.McCole had agreed to provide the paint, on condition that Trust's painter carried out the work. This was agreed to and it was suggested that the kitchen of Vaucluse kiosk be painted under the same condition. Approval was given for some re-painting of the Halbert pavilion prior to Nielsen painter going on annual leave;(4) a Union official of the A.W.U.Miscellaneoud Union had interviewed the staff and he understood three of the staff at Nielsen and two at Vaucluse had joined

The President reported that:-
(i) Three dams had been built in storm water channel, a pumping equipment purchased and the supply of water for watering the garden had fulfilled expectations. The appreciation of the Trustees was conveyed to Mr.Barrett for initiating and arranging this

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

(ii) As a result of a donation by Emu Gravel Co/ of two loads of base metal at a cost of cartage only, the kiosk road was now in an improvedcondition.

(iii) Mr.Stanley, Administrator of Parks and Reserves, had suggested that a detailed letter be sent to the Minister informing him of the recent works accomplished and the proposed plans for future works. He had done this during the past week, at the same time requesting an increase this year of £500 in the annual grant and £5000 as a special gramt or part - grant and loan, and listing major works which needed attention .

(iv) As there were a number of jobs of painting to be done at Vaucluse, he had arranged for the loan of a painter from the Department of Public Works for a period of six to eight weeks.

(v) As it was becoming more obvious that furniture and furnishings should be purchased, he suggested that a fund should be inaugurated for this purpose. He had acquired a cedar chest of drawers at a cost of £12 for Miss Wentworth's Room and a cedar cabinet for display articles in Reception Room for £27.10.0. These would need some restoration by Mr.Cahill.

(vi) On a recent visit to the museum at Port Macquarie, he noticed that they had an "Article Reception Form" to record gifts and he considered something like this might be introduced at Vaucluse House.This was agreed to.

(vii) Mr.Hall was going into the question of renewing verandah roof of House and would report his recommendations.

(viii) Mr.Miller had recently interview Mr.Penfoly Hyland with a view to refurnishing cellar. The President had spoken to the general manager of Penfolds.

(ix) Mr.O'Neill, an auctioneer of Emu Plains,had inspected some old show cases, easels and a hallstand in store at the House and it was agreed that, if he was interested in purchasing these, the necessary premission be given.

(x) It had been reported to him that football games were played in the Bottle and Glass area, refuse was being dumped and native plants removed. He had spoken to Sgt.Barton to ask that this area be patrolled on busy Sundays and the Trustees agreed that a ranger be employed for this section and at the same time to control the parking of cars

(xi) Sir Eric Woodward had sent a photograph of himself as requested by the Trust for the Governors' Gallery and this was being framed

Mr.Kelly suggested that a letter of congratulation be sent to the Hon.Architect, Mr.P.Hall, for the honour he had received in conjunction with Mr.Farmer for the Sulman Award.

On the motion of Mr.Kiernan,seconded by Mr.Yelland, it was agreed to line the walls and ceiling of the gardeners' quarters

CHAIRMAN.....

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Yelland suggested that the second bed on main lawn be turfed and this was agreed to.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12 o'clock.

CHAIRMAN..[illegible]..SECRETARY..[illegible]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.November,1965 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.A.Kiernan,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.P.Hall (Hon.Architect) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were reeeived from Messrs.G.Crouch,H.Yelland and C.Parkes.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) He had received an account from J.Jenkins for replacing of pile in enclosure, to the amount of £508. He had written asking Mr.Jenkins to meet him at Vaucluse House to discuss the matter. He proposed to inform him that (1) when the pile was renewed last year, the Trust accepted Jenkins's advice in placing the pile; (2) it was agreed this time that the new pile should be drilled from the beach; therefore the amount of £128 included in the present account for unsuccessful attempts to place pile from barge was not in accordance with arrangements; (3) the work of replacing pile was only more difficult because of his delay and, when it had to be done, the net had already been erected.

(ii) As a first move, he had met Mr.Clive Sisley of the Church Committee in reference to the Mausoleum. Mr.Sisley informed him that both the Mausoleum and land and land outside iron fence is in title of the Church of England Trust, he was not sure whether the main church authorities would permit the title to be transferred to the Trust. If the Trust took over care of the Mausoleum the land would have to then be Crown land. As an initial step Mr.Sisley will get an official resolution of his committee and, if in favour, perhaps Mr.Norman Jenkyn might negotiate with higher church authorities.

(iii) Mr.Andrew had quoted cor cement waterproofing main hallway but was of the opinion that a better method might be used to overcome excessive dampness. Mr.Hall, the Honorary Architect, reported that he had made enquiries in regard to electro-omosis treatment of wall and would report back as soon as he had all particulars.

(iv) He had spoken to the committee of the Nielsen Park Lifesaving Club regarding unseemly conduct. The officials of the Club had informed him that recently they had disqualified two members and that, as the new committee seemed interested and anxious to carry out their duties in a proper manner, he hoped that there would be no further excuse for complaint.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

(v) As requested Mr.Barrett had arranged for a demonstration of a scrub-cutter for mowing steep banks and, as it was most satisfactory, a machine had been purchased through Government Stores.

(vi) A representative of the Australian Workers' Miscellaneoud Union had approached the staff to seek members for the Union and had left a copy of the agreement with the Secretary. He had consulted experts in the Public Service Board and was informed that, as the staff is being paid under proper awards, there was no obligation for the Trust to enter into this agreement. Two of three members had joined the Union.

(vii) The cedar book case had been placed in Reception Room and several original Wentworth articles had been placed therein.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.P.Hall acknowledging Trust's letter of congratulations.

(ii) Woollahra Municipal Council informing Trust that request of £5000 donation had been included for consideration in Council's estimates.

(iii) Annual Report and Balance Sheet from Auditor-General was tabled.

(iv) Mr.G.Crouch in appreciation of luncheon tendered to the new Minister for Lands, Mr.Lewis.

(v) President, Bondi Amateur Surf Club, setting out further details of festival.

(vi) Mr.G.Sample enclosing cheque for £100 as a donation towards restorations in Vaucluse House . The President had replied on behalf of the Trustees.

(vii) Mr.Farnsworth, G.Patterson P/L, enclosing cheque for £125 as a donation and informing Trustees that he would be pleased to donate £500 over a period of four years and enclosing the first instalment.

(viii) Mr.M.Paton, W.D.& H.O.Wills, forwarding cheque for £100 as a donation. On Mr.Kiernan's suggestion it was resolved that this donation be utilised in restoring the china room.

Appreciation was recorded of Mr.Kiernan's efforts as regards donations.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since October meeting to the value of £1152.19.2 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1332.0.6 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY. A. Schmidt

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Barrett informed the meeting that (1) he had approached Mr.McCole regarding kitchen in Vaucluse kiosk and this had since been cleaned; (2) the gates at Nielsen Park should be locked regularly at night to prevent nuisances; (3) he would donate a refrigerator for the gardeners' quarters at Vaucluse Park. (Appreciation was expressed to Mr.Barrett).

Mr.Kiernan suggested that path oustide Halbert Pavilion be renewed and part of the toilet block at westend converted to men's toilets. These two items should be included in future estimates.

The President reported that:-

(i) The following work should be attended to at an early date:

Verandah Roof, Hall and Guest Dining Room, Underpinning of Paihter's Cottage.

Mr.Hall reported on the roof of House and informed the meeting that he was arranging for a third quote from the Department of Public Works. As regards the underpinning of cottage he had received a quote from Mr.Evans for £513. It was agreed that this quotation be accepted subject to guarantee that the walls would be stabilised.

(ii) Miss Marie Boyers had donated a model of Captain Cook's ship "The Endeavour" made in 1875 under supervision of a ship's captain. The ship had been placed in the Boy's Bedroom.

(iii) It had been suggested that the rusted iron roof on larder and dairy be replaced with redwood shingles. This was agreed to.

(iv) He had inspected the road at Bottle and Glass accompanied by Council's engineer. Mr.Hunt had recommended sealing with hot mix at a cost of £100 for approximately 80 yards, work to be done by Council at Trust's expense. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, the quotation was accepted.

(v) A letter had been received from the Junior Chamber of Commerce informing Trust that 350 wives of delegates would be visiting the House on Friday, 26th.November and asking that the admission charge be waived as a gesture to the visitors. He had written in reply that it had not been the policy of the Trust to waive charges as many similar groups visit the House.

(vi) He had inspected a chandelier at the Prince Edward Theatre but found that it was not of the correct period for the House.

(vii) The two alabaster vases were being restored by a Mr.Cox who had been recommended by Mr.Stanley Lipscombe.

(viii) He had purchased six rhododendrons from Mr.Sorensen and some special composte. Mr.Sorensen was donating three more plants to the Trust.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

This is page three of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th.November,1964.

CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th.December,1965.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
[illegible].Crouch,
H.Yelland,
[illegible].Kiernan,
J.Wright,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.Barrett,Lusher and Hall.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) With Messrs.Barrett and Kiernan, he had interviewed Mr.Jenkins about the account for drilling pile into rock in enclosure. Mr.Jenkins produced an account from the contractor who supplied the necessary plant. This account was for £373, so that in charging the Trust £518 in all, Mr.Jenkins did not consider the acclunt exhorbitant. It was decided that Mr.Jenkins would approach his contractor and, if the contractor would reduce his cost for plant, this reduction be deducted from the account submitted to Trust. It was left to the sub-cpmmittee to settle the account for whatever it was, after Mr.Jenkins had contacted Trust's secretary.

(ii) The underpinning of cottage was complete and the painting of cottage would be commenced within the next few weeks.

(iii) Shingles for roofs of larder and dairy had been purchased and Trust's carpenter would proceed with this work early in the New Year.

(iv) Work on paving section of roadway in Bottle and Glass had not been commenced yet by the Woollahra Municipal Council.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Under Secretary, Lands Department, advising that the Minister had approved of the annual Grant being £7000 for the current financial year and, in addition, a loan of £5000 repayable within fifteen years from 1st.January,1966, with interest at 3% per annum.

(ii) Mr.R.B.Coles forwarding donation of £100 towards furnishing for Vaucluse House.

(iii) Mrs.M.Vickery, 10 Olola Avenue,Vaucluse, expressing appreciation of the Natural Restoration Scheme.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

This is page one of Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday, 12th.December,1965.

H.A.Snelling T.E.Schmude

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/11/65 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Wright, seconded by Mr,Kiernan accounts paid since November meeting to the value of £1003.16.0 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1829.15.3 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

The President enumerated the works completed during the past six months both at Nielsen and Vaucluse and suggested that in the new programme to be considered at next meeting he would advise inclusion of the following among other work.

Conversion of broom room to picture gallery.

Removal of office toilets from present position and incorporating into back of laundry.

Attention to flagging on verandah and painting exterior of House.

Renovation of verandah of House.

Establishment (as funds permit) of china,glass and silver display room and making present china room into another period costume room.

Mr.Yelland suggested that eight or ten more seats be placed on the Bottle and Glass headland and this was agreed to. He informed the meeting that the Technical Education Department would be prepared to renovate the Cobb and Co.Coach as necessary and would contact Trust's secretary in due course.

Mr.Miller suggested that it might be a good thing for one of the Trust's members to be on the new advisory committee being formed by the Lands Department for National Parks and Reserves.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m. Before concluding the President conveyed Christmas greetings to all Trustees and thanked them and the staff for their support during the past year.

This is page two of Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday, 12th.December,1965.

CHAIRMAN.....J.T.Schmidt.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.February,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
[illegible],
P.Lusher,
[illegible],
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
J.[illegible],
Mrs. T.E.Schmude)(Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller, C.Parkes and P.Hall.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) Mr.Miller was ill in Lewisham Hospital. The Trustees asked that the President convey to Mr.Miller their best wishes for his speedy redovery.

(ii) The painting of cottage was nearing completion. Renewal of iron on a section of roof would be done during the next few weeks.

(iii) Under Mr.Yelland's supervision the conversion of broom room to picture gallery was under way. The stone flagging had been finished and the architect, in conjunction with Mr.Yelland,was drawing up specifications for lighting,etc.

(iv) He had conveyed to Mr.Stanley, Director of Parks, that the Trust would be interested if possible to have one of its members on the advisory board for Parks and Reserves when the board was being formed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mayor of Woollahra, Alderman M.E.Lawrence, thanking Trustees for their good wishes.

(ii) Mr.J.A.Shaw, Bondi Amateur Swimming Club, finalising arrangements for carnival being held at Nielsen Park on Sunday, 6th.March.

(iii) Mr.V.Nathan, reporting on Natural History of Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks and the President's reply thereto.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/1/66 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since December meeting to the value of £1834.3.0 and £1202.15[illegible] in the case of Nielsen Park and to £2566.12.7 and £2103.3.7 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

PRESIDENT.....T.Schmude.....

OTHER MATTERS.

The President reported that:-

(i) As shown on the financial statement, several donations for refurnishings had been received. These donations were due to the efforts of [illegible].

(ii) For £300 an i860 vintage chandelier had been purchased for the Marble Dining Room from Mr.J.Doling. Mr.Doling would hold the chandelier until the Trust was ready to receive it and he would instal it free of charge. He had also donated 20 guineas towards the Trust's restorations.

(iii) He had purchased from Grace Bros.a carved mahogany gentleman's armchair, circa 1850, for £89.10.0. This chair had been placed in the drawing room.

(iv) Invitations had been sent out on behalf of the Trustees for an informal reception on Friday, 25th.February, to benefactors and members of the Wentworth Family.

(v) A dogcatcher had been employed at Nielsen Park and on the first Sunday employed eight dogs had been impounded.

(vi) Programme of works contemplated for the next six months was tabled and discussed, approximating £4500 for Vaucluse and £1500 for Nielsen Park. On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Crouch, these works were confirmed.

(vii) A signed communication from residents in Greycliffe Avenue regarding the parking area had been received. On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, the draft as read by the President was approved and certain additions suggested.

(viii) Major Genersl Daly had requested that, as Lieut-Colonel Barney had designed the Victoria Barracks he considered the sword,scabbard and epaulettes housed in Vaucluse House and once the property of Colonel Barney would be of great interest at the barracks. On the motion of Mr.Yelland,seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was agreed to hand these articles over to Major Daly on loan from the Trust.

(ix) F.Irvine,foreman of Nielsen Park, had requested an increase of salary. The Trustees agreed to increase his salary from £22.17.6 to £25.0.0 and the carpenter's salary from £21.19.0 to £24.0.0.

(x) While reading the old minutes, he noticed that the mirror at the Hyrdo Majestic,Medlow Bath, was said to have originally belonged to W.C.Wentworth. Mr.Barrett agreed to make enquiries and ascertain the possibility of the mirror being returned to the House.

This is page two of Minutes of Meeting held on Synday, 13th.February,1966.

PRESIDENT Secretary

OTHER MATTERS.

On themotion of Mr.Kiernan, seconded by Mr.Crouch, it was resolved that two further quotes be obtained from Messrs.Iron and Cussigh for renewing of roof of verendah of House as suggested by Mr.Hall.

Mr.Barrett suggested fixing of present pump to connect up with water pipes and that a second pump equipment be purchased for the southern section of the Park. Following his discussions with the head gardener this was agreed to, on the motion of Mr.Crouch, seconded by Mr.Kiernan.

Mr.Lusher requested that Council's notices on the puter park be removed. It was agreed that these notices be removed and stored and that for the present no notices be erected on this area.

Mr.Yelland requested that the new seats at Bottle and Glass be oiled. The matter was left in the hands of Mr.Kiernan. He informed the meeting that he contemplated having the walls of picture gallery painted white with a light grey ceiling and two rods of steel covered with white plastic fastened to the walls for the hanging of pictures.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.March,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller,J.A.Kelly, G.A.Kiernan and P.Hall.

CONFIRMATION. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) Mr.Halbert's birthday was on the 21st.March. The Trustees requested that a letter be sent to Mr.Halbert conveying their greetings to them.

(ii) It was with regret that he had to announce that the Honorary Architect, Mr.P.Hall, was resigning from the Government Architect's Department and therefore would no longer be available to the Trust.

(iii) Painting of cottage in Vaucluse Park was finished, as also was the new section of iron roof. There now remained some ridge-capping and valleys to be done. Work then on cottage would be complete.

(iv) The reception on the 25th.February was a great success and he felt that the Wentworth family were most interested in what the Trust had achieved with the restorations to date.

(v) The dogcatcher had been useful at Nielsen Park and was being employed at Vaucluse Park this Sunday.

(vi) As resolved at the previous meeting, he had written to Mr.McWilliam, Greycliffe Avenue, in reply to letter from residents re parking area.

(vii) Major General Daly's representative had taken delivery of Colonel Barney's Sword,Scabard and Epaulettes on 1st.March.

(viii) The second pump had been purchased for Vaucluse Park as requested.

(ix) Council's signs had been removed from outer park and stored.

(x) Trust's painter would restore frames of pictures for the new picture gallery and work on gallery should soon begin.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.G.Crouch requesting leave of absence for three months. Leave was granted and Trustees wished him bon voyage and safe return.

(ii) Major General Daly thanking Trustees for loan of Colonel Barney's Sword,Scabbard and Epaulettes.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 28/2/66 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since February meeting to the value of $4183-81 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $4014-37 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

(i) ~~On~~ The Carnival held at Nielsen Park on Sunday, 6th.March by the Bondi Amateur Surf Club was well conducted and patronised and the trophy presented by the Trust was most handsome.

(ii) Messrs.Penfold Hyland and Alan Benson had inspected the cellar and reported that Penfolds would be pleased to equip it in appropriate period manner.

(iii) As the rockery on corner of Clola Avenue and Wentworth Road was in bad condition, Council's permission had been obtained to remove it. The head gardener is to plant grass in its place.

(iv) Some work had been done towards the new programme of works both at Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks.

(v) Shingles had been placed on dairy and larder. When Trust's carpenter returned from leave, a small section is to be completed.

(vi) An area had been bricked outside Vaucluse Kiosk to prevent further erosion and improve entrance.

(vii) Sub-division of toilets at Nielsen Park would be attended to when the swimming season finished.

(viii) The landscape designer (Mr.Watson) had approved plan for pool to be constructed in outer park, near top gate. The head gardener had already begun the work of clearing out.

Mr.Barrett suggested that the path in Nielsen Park be better lit and agreed to investigate the matter.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

This is page two of Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday, 13th.March,1966 at 10 a.m.

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Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.April,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Mr.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair), J.A.Kelly, J.R.Barrett, P.Lusher, H.Yelland, G.A.Kiernan, J.Wright, Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.P.Hall.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) The Government Architect,Mr.Farmer,would discuss with Mr.Parkes and Mr.Hall whom he would appoint as Honorary Architect to the Trust in place of Mr.Hall.

(ii) Painter's cottage was now completely renovated.

(iii) H.Westbrook had restored frames of pictures to be hung in new picture gallery.

(iv) Staff had commenced work on removal of rockery at corner of Olola Avenue and Wentworth Road.

(v) C.B.C.Contracting Co.had completed pathway at back of dressing sheds, erected new wall as arranged, renewed pathway and drain in front of Halbert Pavilion at Nielsen Park; at Vaucluse walls in stormwater drain were finished,brick landing outside kiosk in cottage paddock. Mr.Cussigh was trying to procure old paving stones for replacements in courtyard and verandal

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.W.C.Wentworth thanking Trustees for their hospitality at the reception on 25th.February and congratulating Trustees on recent restorations to Vaucluse House.

(ii) Mr.H.J.Halbert thanking Trustees for their birthday greetings and good wishes.

(iii) Miss M.Donegan,Cork,Eire, requesting details of Sir Henry Browne Hayes and President's reply thereto.

GENERAL BUSINESS. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Lusher, quotation for waterproofing pond in outer park by the C.B.C.Co. for $107 was accepted.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/66 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kiernan,seconded by Mr.Yelland, accounts paid since March meeting to the value of $2973-60 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $3744-07 in the caes of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.T.H.Dickin, Department of Technical Education,had presented to the House a kettle trivett and fire set originally the property of his great-grandfather,both of which would be placed in the Girls' Bedroom.

The fence between Tresillian Hospital and Nielsen Park needed repairing and painting. Cost by Trust's staff would be approximately $200. The Secretary would write to the Hospital Board asking that the hospital pay half this cost.

Suggestions had been made that morning and afternoon teas at Vaucluse Kiosk could be improved. The President had interviewed Mr.McCole regarding this matter and would arrange a discussion with several Trustees.

Mr.Barrett suggested that the Tourist Bureaus in each State be communicated with about advertisements for Vaucluse House. The President would attend to this. Mr.Barrett also reported that he had got in touch with the Council regarding better lighting in Nielsen Park and was informed that, as each Municipal Council was being allotted a certain amount of extra lighting,the Park would be considered in due course.

Mr.Kiernan informed the meeting that he had visited Como House and the Melbourne Art Gallery during his recent visit to Melbourne and was most impressed with the former and with the lighting effects for china in the latter. He suggested that, as Mr.Yelland would be visiting Melbourne during the next few weeks, he call at the Art Gallery to see whether plans of show-cases for china could be procured from them.
A grandafther clock for $240 was available in Melbourne and Mr.Yelland was asked to inspect it and with a view to purchase. At Mr.Kiernan's suggestion it was agreed to constitute a furnishing sub-committee comprising Messrs.Kiernan,Yelland and Crouch (with Mr.Lipscombe as consultant).

Mr.Parkes raised the question of further consideration being given to the renovation of Nielsen Park Kiosk.

Mr.Yelland suggested that the entrance to garden from gravel drive could be improved and this was discussed. Also the question of appropriate articles to furnish kitchen.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....W.H.McCole.....SECRETARY.....A.J.Lamond.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th.May,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT.

Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
H.Yelland,
G.Kiernan,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller and P.Lusher.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The President reported that:-

(i) He was awaiting news from Mr.P.Hall of the appointment of an honorary architect in his stead.

(ii) Half the rockery in Wentworth Road had been demolished and turfed. The other half will be attended to within the next two weeks.

(iii) He had Made an appointment with Mr.Cissigh of the C.B.C.Contracting Co.to obtain further quotes for work to be done both at Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks.

(iv) Fence adjoining Tresillian Hospital would be repaired and painted by Trust's carpenter.

(v) A meeting had been arranged with Mr.McCole for the coming Thursday to discuss refreshments at Vaucluse Kiosk.

(vi) Following up the advertisement Mr.Lusher had seen in the Herald for purchase of stone, the Secretary had obtained about 150 yards of flagging at a cost pf $80,plus cartage. Mr.Cussigh had arranged the delivery of the stone and it had been delivered during the past week. It will be used for replacing some flagging in courtyard and verandah of House.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter received from Mr.Theo Kelly forwarding a cheque of $500 as a donation with a promise of another $500 within a few months, and a cheque of $1000 from Woolworths Ltd., both donations towards the refurnishing of the House.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/4/66 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett,seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since April meeting to the value of $2492-71 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $2706-31 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

CHAIRMAN.....; SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

The President mentionsd that during his visit to New Zealand recently he had visited Mt.Cook and noticed that the Trust there had opened up bush walks and printed explanatory brochures as to native flora. He considered that the Trust could give consideration to do a similar thing with Mt.Trefle and Steel Pt. It was resolved that Mr.Kiernan in conjunction with other interested Trustees, give consideration to this work during the President's absence overseas. It was also resolved that, for the winter months, one or two extra employees be engaged so that this work could be started before the commencement of the next swimming season.

Penfolds had almosted completed furnishing the cellar and had gone to a great amount of trouble and expense in doing so.

Mr.L.W.Worrall had resigned as editor of the N.R.M.A. "Open Road" Journal and his place had been taken by Mr.W.W.Galton. It was arranged that Mr.Barrett get in touch with Mr.Galton to interest him in Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Yelland, it was resolved that the advertisement in tourist coaches by the Tourist Express Co.for $60-00 be renewed.

It was agreed that the disposal of the carved sideboard be left in the hands of Mr.Kelly, either to sell at $200 if possible or loan in perpetuity to any interested party.

Mr.Yelland informed the meeting that he had inspected the grandfather clock at Kozminskys whilst in Melbourne, and considered the clock to be of the right period and price($220). On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the purchase of clock was agreed to, the Trust to pay for packing and freight.

There was a discussion as to whether the truck in use at present had outlived its usefulness. The matter would be discussed with the Nielsen Park foreman and then further considered.

Mr.Kiernan informed the meeting that Mr.D'Arcy of Vaucluse was most interested in the larder and dairy in the House and would endeavour to procure from Bega some equipment that would have been used in the last century. He was of the opinion that the dead trees in outer park should be removed as soon as possible.

The President requested leave of absence from July until the November meeting as he would be overseas on Government business. Leave was granted.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

This is page two of Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday,8th.May,1966.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th. June, 1966.

PRESENT — Messrs. H.A. Snelling (in the Chair),
J.A. Kelly,
J.R. Barrett,
H. Yelland,
G.A. Kiernan,
J. Wright,
Mrs. T.E. Schmude (Secretary).

APOLOGIES — Apologies were received from Messrs. E.S. Miller, P. Lusher and C. Parkes.

MINUTES — Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES — The President reported that:-

(I) Mr. Rodney Connors had been appointed honorary architect to the Trust, replacing Mr. P. Hall.

(II) He and Mr. Kiernan had interviewed Mr. Cussigh of the C.B.C. Contracting Co. and listed proposed works. The quotes for minor works had since been accepted and the work had already begun, with two quotes still under consideration. These quotes are (a) the renewal of veranda roof of House in accordance with the specifications drawn up by the Department of Public Works and checked by the honorary architect, Mr. P. Hall, quotation for $3354; (b) the footpath fronting bus shelter in Wentworth Road. On the motion of Mr. Kiernan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was resolved that, as the former quotation was reasonable, it be accepted, the Secretary to inform the C.B.C. Co. of its acceptance and to remind the said Company that the greatest care must be taken with the wisteria vine, that the work was to be attended to at the very earliest so that the flowering of the vine would not be impaired. The latter quote for paving footpath was discussed. Although this was strictly within the province of the Woollahra Council, the meeting decided to undertake it in view of Council's co-operation in works undertaken by the Trust. The cost of the work would be $73. It was decided, however, that the Secretary inform the Council of Trust's intentions.

(III) The Secretary had written to the Tresillian Hospital authorities, requesting half-payment for repairing and painting fence adjoining Trust property and the authorities had agreed to pay $100.

(IV) As requested at the last meeting, three Trustees had interviewed Mr. McCole about refreshments served at the Vaucluse Kiosk. Mr. McCole had agreed to serve Devonshire teas, pies, etc. and the Trust had announced this innovation on a sign at the entrance to the outer park.

(V) As the birds had caused annoyance to patrons inside Vaucluse Kiosk, he had arranged with Trust's carpenter to attach a fine wire-netting panel on one side for the time being. This did not detract from the appearance of the kiosk and he was of the opinion that similar panels and two wire-doors could be put on the other two sides, now open to the birds. This was agreed to by the meeting. As the ceiling of the kiosk was very dark, he suggested that it be painted a light colour and the matter was left in the hands of Mr. Yelland for consultation with the honorary architect.

Chairman....J.A. Kelly....., Secretary....T.E. Schmude....

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(VI) The C.B.C.Contracting Co. had reflagged area outside Study and Family Dining Room and replaced some flagging in courtyard. It was left in the hands of Mr.Yelland to arrange with Mr.Cussigh the best means of flagging veranda of House. He was to do this after consultation with honorary architect.

(VII) He had inspected Mt.Trefle and Steel Point in company with Mr.Watson,Landscape Architect,and that Mr.Watson had suggested a thorough examination of the whole areas be made by a botantist to judge what to remove and what to procure. It was resolved that the Trust invite Mr.K.Mair,Chief Botantist of the Botanic Gardens,and Mr.Watson,to inspect the areas,accompanied by two Trustees so as to obtain benefit of their advice.

(VIII) Mr.A.Benson of Penfolds had drawn up a notice at his request for the cellar,listing equipment installed and how utilised. He had approved of the notice and it would be done by Penfold's sign-writer and placed in the cellar within the next few weeks.

(IX) The grandfather-clock had been placed in the Reception Room during the past week,and Hardy Bros. had sent a representative to set the clock.

(X) As arranged at last meeting,he had discussed the condition of the truck with foreman Irvine,that Irvine informed him that the truck would do no more than three miles to the gallon on cleaning work in the parks and that nothing had been spent on the truck mechanically in the past two years.

Secretary's Report — The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE

(I) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 3I/5/66 was discussed and noted.

(II) On the motion of Mr.Kiernan,seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since May meeting to the amounts of $I462 and $2302 on behalf of Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks respectively were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr.Kelly reported that he had interviewed Mgr.Kennedy at St.Mary's Cathedral about the carved sideboard and expected a decision from him in a week or two.

It was agreed that a barrier be erected in the cellar to a height of 8 feet. Mr.Yelland was deputed to arrange with Trust's carpenter as to type and position.

Mr.Yelland reported that a representative of the Advisory Service of the County Council had drawn up excellent plans for lighting picture gallery,that these would be given to the electrician,Mr.Cameron,for installation guide and that he had left instructions with the carpenter for the plasterer to construct coves along the wall to subdue lighting.

It was agrred that Mr.Barrett make an appointment with Woollahra Council's Engineer to inspect pathway on Bottle and Glass Headland and works area at Nielsen Park and to arrange with Council to have this work done. Mr.Barrett informed the meeting that he had communicated with Mr.A.

Chairman..... Secretary.....

OTHER MATTERS

Green,Press Secretary to the Premier,who was arranging an interview for him with Mr.Galton,new editor of "Open Road!

Mr.Kiernan reported that his friend,Mr.Darcy,was unable to procure dairy equipment from Bega,as it had been disposed of in the meantime. It was decided that the sub-committee try to procure some equipment and report back to the meeting. Mr.Kiernan was to arrange with Brambles for soil suitable for top-dressing.

Mr.Wright informed the meeting that he understood that the Department of Transport was making a concerted effort with buses,in conjunction with ferries,to stimulate more interest in the foreshores. It was decided that the Secretary write to Mr.Stanley,Director of Parks in the Lands Department,seeking his co-operation in this matter.

A quotation had been requested from Davis Bros. for removal of two dead trees from mound facing gravel drive.

The Secretary had written to the Police Department and Eastern Command Band Officer requesting band recitals on IIth,I8th and 25th.September next respectively.

The pool in outer park was almost completed and the President had arranged with Mr.Watson to supply material to cover eroded and denuded shores of the pool. Mr.Morrison, contractor,had been asked to excavate the waterfall area under Mr.Watson's supervision at a maximum cost of $I50.

The white fireplace from the old Government Printing Office had been set up in the stonemason's room and the Trustees would examine this and decide whether to leave the onyx marble fireplace in marble dining room or replace it with this new acquisition.

Repairs to laundry wall by the C.B.C.Co. had been done and were highly satisfactory.

It was agreed that,because of the heavy expense of repair to veranda,a letter be written to the Lands Department asking an increase of $I000;and a letter be sent to the Woollahra Council,after consultation with Mr.Crouch, applying for a donation of $8000,already listed in Council's estimates. If this donation were forthcoming,the Trust could begin restoration of new china room.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Quotation from the Tourist Bureau for reprinting 20,000 folders for $905 was rejected,the Secretary to inform the Bureau that Trust's funds would not permit such an expenditure. It was resolved that Mr.Stanley be approached to ascertain whether a brochure was procurable at a much lower cost.

CORRESPONDENCE

(I) Letter from Mr.H.Benning,thanking Trustees for expressions of sympathy in the recent death of his wife.

(II) Letters from Messrs.A.Hudson and G.Carr,thanking Trustees for their hospitality and complimenting them on achievements up to date.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at I2 o'clock noon,the Trustees wishing the President bon voyage and safe return.

Chairman.....Secretary.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.July,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.J.A.Kelly (In the Chair),
J.R.Barrett,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
G.Crouch,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller, P.Lusher, J.Wright and C.Parkes.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Vice-President reported that:-

(i) The C.B.C.Contracting Co.had commenced renewing the roof of verandah of House:

(11) The placing of bird-wire round Vaucluse Kiosk was being done by Trust's carpenter and the doorways would also be attended to. Mr.Yelland informed the meeting that after consulting with the honorary architect it was agreed that the ceiling of the kiosk be painted white to give more light and C.Davis, one of Trust's painters, was instructed to do the work.

(iii) The honorary architect had inspected fireplaces from the old Government Printing Office and informed the Secretary that these were early 1900 and that he considered the present fireplace in marble dining room should not be replaced by either of these fireplaces.

(iv) As requested at the last meeting he had written to the Lands Department requesting an increase in Government Grant this year.

(v) Father Murphy on behalf of St.Patrick's College, Manly. had inspected the carved sideboard and reported to the Secretary that he considered the sideboard could be placed within the College. It was resolved that the Vice-President write to the Church authorities suggesting that in exchange for the sideboard some appropriate piece be given to Vaucluse House as replacement.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Sir Theo Kelly thanking Trustees for their letter of congratulations.

(ii) Vaucluse Progress Association commending Trust on beautifying area at Bottle and Glass and restoration of Vaucluse House.

(iii) Department of Lands regarding representations to Transport Department for public transport to Nielsen Park.

(iv) Department of Lands acknowledging Trust's letter for financial requirements.

(v) Woollahra Municipal Council forwarding cheque for $10,000 as a contribution towards this year's improvements. Appreciation of Mr.Crouch's efforts on Trust's behalf was recorded.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Quotation from Premier Sanding Service for sanding and oiling floor of Vaucluse Kiosk at a cost of $294 was discussed. As there were still three more quotes to come to hand the matter was left with the sub-committee to accept the most reasonable and satisfactory quote.

CHAIRMAN..J.A.Kelly..... SECRETARY.....

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/66 was discussed and noted

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Crouch, seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since June meeting to the value of $1997-45 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $4241-30 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Barrett reported that:

(i) As the cost of folder brought out by the Government Tourist Bureau was beyond the Trust's finances, Mr.H.Stanley from the Lands Department had offered to have a folder printed at a reasonable rate through the Parks Service Bureau and the matter was left in the hands of Mr.Stanley.

(ii) The engineer of the Woollahra Municipal Council,Mr.Hunt had inspected the area at Bottle and Glass and quoted $400 for work to be done by Council's staff at the cost of the Trust. This had been accepted by the Trust but, on a second inspection by the engineer, it was decided that a heavier base be put on the road and a further quote was being prepared by the Council.

(iii)He was having three lanterns made for the cellar and these would be ready in time for the proposed wine-tasting evening which would take place in a few week's time.

Mr.Kiernan told the meeting that Mr.C.)'Dea had presented from his home at Pitt Town a kitchen fountain, originally the property of the Pitt family.

The attached report from the Forestry Commission regarding trees in Vaucluse Park was read by the chairman and recorded

The painting of the exterior of Vaucluse House was discussed and it was agreed that a meeting of the sub-committee with the architect be made at a date mutually convenient.

A report on the condition of the wistaria vine in front of House by the Landscape Architect of the Botanic Gardens was read. This report is attached to the Minutes. In the light of his report, it was resolved that the old vine be removed, entirely new soil be laid and wistaria sinensis plants purchased and planted immediately. It was resolved further that, in the meantime, a notice worded by Mr.Yelland, be placed on the verandah, explaining to visitors the reasons for removing vine, and that letters embodying in detail the contents of the notice and informing the public of Trustees' decision be sent to the newspapers,Lands Department, National Trust,etc.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....C.J.Kelly..... SECRETARY.....T.Schaeffe.....

[illegible] TREES IN VAUCLUSE PARK. July, 1966.

A visit was paid to Vaucluse House On Thursday, 7th.July,1966 by Mr.Regan, field officer of the Forestry Commission, who in company with Messrs.Kiernan and Barrett covered the entire area of land under Trust's control.

The following points were made:-

(i) That no treas in the area be lopped unldess either dead or dangerous. That any dead trees which need removing in their entirety be cut off a few feet below the ground at the trunk, covered over and replacement of trees planted alongside them. Mr.Regan pointed out that when the roots of the old tree die off and wither it leaves good drainage in the soil and furthermore, the new planting anables the gap to be filled without leaving the bare space too noticeable. This work can be done by Trust's staff without any extra cost. It was suggested that this system be adopted with the removal of the grey gum, commenced during this week. The replacement for this spot was suggested as a Tallowood which is a good shader and a ready grower.

(ii) The Trust will be pleased to hear of the report of Mr.Regan on the delightfully shaped old tree in the cottage paddock near the paibter's cottage. Mr.Regan identified this tree as an old time Californian tree of the Taxodium family. Mr.Regan streseed he would have preferred to have obtained some cones from the tree as to give more positive identification , however, he was sure of the main family origin. Though the tree in the main is obviously dead- branches are not falling, and therefore it is safe. He has instructed the head gardener how to treat this tree which will be preserved as a landmark in the park.

(iii)The head gardener was also instructed as to the manner of treating other trees showing dead wood.

(iv) Considerable concern was expressed about the Bunya Pine near the toilets. This is an old tree and of a type likely to topple without warning unless specific tests were carried out anent its stability. The gardener was instructed re auger tests and suitable chemical treatment. If these did not meet requirements the tree was to be removed. Mr.Regan pointed out softwoods encased in a fair amount of pulp little warning of failure is given. Two Californian Poplars also near the toilets are dead and Mr.Regan said the replacement should be Cottonwood Californian, a prolific grower, a better tree whose estimated growth is 20 feet in two years.

J.R.Barrett. Trustee.

[illegible] House, [illegible] Trees, [illegible] 8.7.66

On Friday, 8th.July, I came out to meet Mr.Watson at Vaucluse House and, in company with the head gardener, the wistaria vine around the verandah of House was examined and discussed.

Mr.Watson's decision is:

That the complete wistaria vine be taken out by the root, it is badly affected by borer, and has no growth to suggest its condition could be improved upon. As it is badly broken through being taken down whilst roof was renewed, it would be most difficult to return it to its original position. He suggests that the soil should be removed to a depth of two feet at least, the present soil is very poor, new soil and fertilizer be placed in beds and a better flowering wistaria, known as Wistaria Sinensis, the Chinese variety, be planted. This present one he considers is the Florabunda Wistaria, the Japanese variety.

The Trutees attention is drawn to the gutter surrounding the verandah. This was not previously there and so the new wistaria plants will have to be restricted , to be grown at facia level only, as the plant could not be grown as before over the roof, the guttering and downpipes would soon deteriorate.

J.R.Barrett. Trustee.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.August,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.J.A.Kelly (In the Chair),
J.K.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Sedretary)

Mr.C.Parkes, (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. An apology was received from Mr.E.S.Miller.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Vice-President reported that:-

(i) Three quotations had been reeeived for sanding floor of Vaucluse Kiosk and the sub-committee had accepted the quote from Simpson Sanding Co. The sanding and one coat of tung oil would cost $220. The work would be commenced on Monday, 15th.August. The question of the furniture in kiosk was discussed and it was resolved that Mr.Barrett approach Mr.McCole with a view to having the furniture improved upon or renewed.

(ii) Monsignor Kennedy of St.Mary's Cathedral had informed him that so far they had not been able to arrange a replacement for Vaucluse House in exchange for the carved sideboard. On the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, it was agreed that (a) the authorities be notified that they might have the sideboard on loan in perpetuity and that the Trust would require a replacement, if such were to become available at any time in the future, (b) as the Trust wished renovations to begin in Marble Dining Room at the earliest possibl date, the authorities at Manly College be urged to expedite removal of the carved sideboard.

(iii) Mr.Barrett had arranged to have the four wrought-iron lanterns made for the cellar and these were most satisfactory.

(iv) The cost of painting the exterior of House by Messrs.Keith Brownscombe P/Ltd.amounting to $1499 was accepted pn the motion of Mr.Crouch,seconded by Mr.Yelland.

(v) As the fireplaces obtained from old Government Printing Office could not be utilised in the House, it was agreed that, in order that they might be disposed of, Mr.Kiernan ascertain their value from Mr.Max Lawson.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Yelland, it was resolved that after the painting of exterior was completed on House, the wistaria vine be replaced only at each end of verandah, leaving the three front bays free of vine, so that the architecture of House might not be concealed. This had been agreed upon after requests from many patrons.

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CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) National Trust and Department of Lands acknowledging Trust's letter informing them that the wistaria had been removed:

(ii) Mr.V.Nathan re condition of outer park and requesting that he be placed on the Trust as honorary naturalist. It was resolved that the Vice-President acknowledge Mr.Nathan's letter thanking him for his interest.

(iii) Mrs.A.Stevens of Auburn forwarding details of a Roasting Jack on display in kitchen. The Secretary was directed to thank Mrs.Stevens and to place a card,giving the details, in showcase with exhibit.

(iv) Further donations were received from Messrs. Rothmans $100-00, C.J.Coles $40-00, and Mr.M.Paton $50-00. These had already been acknowledged by the Secretary.

(v) Miss Doreen Smith of Wollstonecraft offering the Trust a pianoforte of the Wentworth Period. It was arranged that Messrs.J.Barrett and G.Kiernan make an appointment and inspect the piano.

(vi) Mrs.C.O'Dea and Alderman W.Stephens thanking Trustees for the enjoyable evening on Wednesday, 10th.August, when the cellars were officially opened.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discuased.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/66 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, secohded by Mr.Yellanc accounts paid since July meeting to the value of $1378-53 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $5798-11 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Quotations received from Woollahra Municipal Council for paving of vehicle turning area within Nielsen Park for $191-60 and reconstructing roadway at Bottle and Glass for $950, the Trust to pay $400 towards the latter amount, were accepted on the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Lusher.

Complaints by a few aldermen of the Woollahra Municipal Council regarding the set-up of the Nielsen Park Kiosk was discussed and it was decided that the lease of this kiosk be examined by the sub-committee and report to the next meeting.

Mr.Kiernan informed the Trust that (a) Miss Box of Cammeray had presented Trust with a brown carriage-umbrella which would be placed in the Period Costume Room after being repaired by Mrs.Kiernan;(b) Mr.J.Munro had donated another 50 painted drums for use as garbage receptacles. He suggested that a stencil be made with the words "Stolen from Nielsen/Vaucluse Park" to deter thefts of the receptacles; (c) he was able to obtain several tons of soil from Brambles at 4/6 a ton for use in both parks.

Mr.Barrett reported that the entertainment on Wednesday evening, 10th.August, when the cellars were officially opened was a huge success and that Trust's thanks

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conveyed to Mr.Penfold Hyland and his staff had been much appreciated.

Because of the edges of the stairway in House had become slippery a visitor to the House had fallen on the stairs. It was resolved that Mr.Barrett obtain a quote for carpeting the stairs and the matter to be brought to the next meeting.

Mr.Yelland suggested that, as the soil had now been placed at Bottle and Glass, the head gardener plant ki-ku-yu grass runners so that the area would be usable during the next swimming season.

Mr.Crouch suggested that, as work on restoring cedar doors was both costly and of long duration, quotes be obtained for purchasing cedar doors to replace those already here. As there was some difficulty in having fires lit in the House when functions were held at night, repairs to fireplaces and chimneys could be considered and the Secretary was directed to obtain a quotation for this work. He considered that, instead of placing donor's names on articles, mention should be made in the House Directory only.

On the motion of Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr.Yelland, it was agreed that a loader be hired from the Woollahra Council to level filling in Greycliffe Avenue car park. Mr.Barrett was asked to arrange this .

It was agreed that the carved door be placed at end of Picture Gallery and that Trust's carpenter frame both sides to suggest the appearance of an architrave.

As the wiring in the House did not allow for any extra lights, it was agreed that Mr.Cameron furnish a quote for an extra circuitt and while the work was in progress to instal two extra power points.

Mr.Kiernan requested that Davis Bros.treat tree in cottage paddock as suggested by Mr.Regan of the Forestry Commission. He also asked that the extract from the Fire Board's Commission's Report recommending a hydrant be examined and Mr.Parkes agreed to make the investigation.

An extra rail on cellar steps was suggested. The Secretary was directed to arrange this with Trust's carpenter.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Yelland a formal resolution not previously passed was given to establish a Vaucluse House Museum Fund to comply with restrictions made by Taxation Department,giving authority to change over funds for the special Museum Fund.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.September,'66 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.J.A.Kelly (In the Chair),
E.S.Miller,
J. ..Barrett,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.G.Crouch, J.Wright, C.Parkes and R.Connors.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The sanding of the floor of Kiosk had been completed and is most satisfactory. Mr/McCole was re-furnishing the dining room during the coming week.

The Vice-President of St.Patrick's College had sent the removalists to collect the carved sideboard on Thursday, 8th.inst.

After an inspection of the piano offered by Miss Smith of Wollstonecraft, Messrs.Barrett and Kiernan had found it of the correct period, and it had been placed in the Drawing Room on the 6th.inst.

Mr.Barrett had inspected Rocking Chair offered by Mrs.Houston of Earlwood. This, too, was in keeping with the period furnishings of the House. He had collected it and, after Trust's painter had stained it, would have it re-upholstered. It was agreed that chair be placed in the Main Bedroom.

In accordance with report on fireplaces by Mr.Garlick,it was resolved that the chimneys to be adpped be attended to by Trust's staff (Family Dining Room and Study). However, as the chimney and fireplace in Reception Room would be very costly to repair, it was agreed to leave it as it is.

Mr.Parkes' report on Fire Hydrants was read and it was resolved that his recommendation be adopted, i.e.to ascertain from the Fire Board the necessary sites for installing 1" hose reels and to have these plaved in positions chosen by the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.and Mrs.Penfold Hyland, Mr.Mrs.M.Lawrence thanking Trustees for their hospitality on Wednesday, 10th.August.

(ii) Mr.Haddon of Picton, offering certain articles to the House. It was agreed that these items be inspected by Messrs.Barrett and Kiernan and, if suitable, accepted.

(iii) Mrs.Darbyshire, Esperance,W.A., offering to House a clock which originally belonged to Governor Lachlan Macquarie. On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Lusher, it was resolved that the clock be accepted and the Secretary to offer reimbursement for transport charges.

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CORRESPONDENCE. (iv) Mr.Mrs.G.Sample forwarding a donation of $200-00 and Mr.J.Burnett,E.M.I.Ltd.,forwarding donatiom of $200-00. These had been acknowledged by the Secretary and receipts forwarded.

(v) Department of Lands in reference to transport to Nielsen Park was noted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/66 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kierna, seconded by Mr.Yelland, accounts paid since August meeting to the value of $3713-09 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $6618-89 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Band Recitals were noted for the following dates:- 11th.Sept.Police Pipe Band, 18th.Sept.Police Military Band, and 25th.Sept. Band of University of N.S.W.Army Regiment.

The Vice-President reported that:-

(i) Anthony Hordern and Sons had sent to the Trust four Dining Chairs and one Carver,which had been stored with them for many years. As these chairs we were of the same design as that of one in Marble Dining Room, it was resolved that, when restored by Trust's painter, they be placed in the Marble Dining Room after the restoration of that room.

(ii) To relieve the congestion at Vaucluse Kiosk entrance Mr.Barrett had designed a turnaround and had obtained many loads of road base from Emu Gravel Co.to put the kiosk road in order. He would have the road sealed by Trust's staff with sump oil during the coming week.

The work of converting a section of toilets at Nielsen Park was progressing. It had been arranged that a wall be erected to afford greater privacy.

Mr.Barrett reported that he had supervised the clearing of paths leading to Mt.Trefle. He was having signs erected for the guidance of the public. The area had been left in a natural state but it was now more easily accessible than previously.

On the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, it was decided to have tractor registered and a comprehensive policy taken out.

It was resolved that as the electric summer-shower in gardeners' quarters was not satisfactory, it be converte to Porta-Gas.

A quote from Messrs.Keith Brownscombe for painting main corridor and section of top corridor for $472 was accepted and the Secretary was directed to obtain a further quote for the painting of balance of top corridor and small hallways in its vicinity. It was decided that the Governors' photos, formerly in ground floor corridor be transferred to upstairs corridor,and the paintings in the upstairs corridor together with others to be obtained from Art Gallery or Mitchell Library, be hung in ground floor corridor.

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OTHER MATTERS.

As the cost would be excessive, it was agreed that the section of wall, quoted for cutting back to stone, be painted instead.

It was unanimously agreed that the cottage, originally the bakery and now carpenter's workroom, be converted into a Board Room and that the present Trustees' Room be kept as the Secretary's office. Mr.Crouch would arrange for a plan and approximate cost of conversion and the carpenter would be transferred to the room known as the "Stonemason's store",

A card printed by John Sands depicting Vaucluse House was placed before the Trustees and it was decided to purchase about 2000 of these to sell at the House.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

V A U C L U S E H O U S E

FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLATION

At the August meeting of the Trust mention was made of a report submitted on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners containing certain recommendations which followed an inspection of Vaucluse House. It was thought that one of the recommendations concerned the installation of a fire hydrant and the cost of such installation was $800. I agreed to peruse that part of the report dealing with the installation of the fire hose and bring details of the recommendation before the Trustees at the September meeting.

Unfortunately I will be away from Sydney on the Sunday in question and so take the opportunity of making this written report.

The report of the Fire Authorities in question is dated 10th December, 1962 and contained certain specific recommendations. I am informed that each of these recommendations have now been carried out. To my mind the vital recommendation concerned the inspection and renewal of the existing installation and any weaknesses have been rectified. There was not any mention of the installation of a fire hydrant in the report. There is, however, mention in the file that the Fire Officer carrying out the inspection stated that should the Trustees wish to instal a hydrant the cost would be £400.

I would think the hydrant in mind was the normal nozzle of a 3" separate service and the high cost would be involved in the 3" service from street to the selected location in the vicinity of the house. To my mind such a service would not be of any value unless 3 hydrant positions at least were installed. These would mainly be used by Fire Officers.

I believe the position at Vaucluse House is rather an unusual one. Any first steps to fight a fire would most likely rest with the Secretary, or members of her family. The extinguishers would be difficult to operate and certainly a hydrant in the grounds would be equally difficult. In my view two 1" hoses and nozzles might be installed at positions such as Courtyard and rear yard which would be easy to handle and be ready for use immediately a fire was discovered until the Fire Brigade arrived on the site. I understand Wormald Bros. recently stated that two such hoses could be installed for about $80. I would recommend a Fire Officer be asked to visit the House, comment on the installation of two 1" hoses, and if in agreement, select the two positions.

CORDEN PARKES.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.October,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Mr.J.A.Kelly (In the Chair),
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.C.Parkes and J.Wright.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Vice-President reported that:-

(i) As the election of officers is normally held in October, he considered that it be deferred until November after the President's return from overseas. This was agreed to.

(ii) Mr.McCole had re-furnished Vaucluse Kiosk and Mr.Barrett had provided six large potplants. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr.Barrett for the great interest he had shown in this undertaking.

(iii) The rocking chair had been restored and placed in the Main Bedroom.

(iv) Painting of corridors and hallways had been completed by Messrs.K.Brownscombe P/L. The paintings had been hung in lower corridor and Governors' photos in the upper gallery. Mr.Yelland informed the meeting that the Principal of the Mitchell Library had offered about eight paintings on loan to the House and these would be chosen shortly. As spon as the frames of present paintings, mirror and rods had been gilded and curtains procured, this project would be complete. Mr.Yelland also asked that a letter of thanks be sent by the Vice-President to the Government Arbhitect, commending the work of Miss Russo who had devoted much time and thought to the colour scheme of corridors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financiab position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/66 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Crouch, accounts paid since September meeting to the value of $2088-63 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $3302-65 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Crouch reported that Mrs.Broughton (architect) had recommended Mr.P.McCallum, a specialised architect for historic buildings, to inspect the cottage, whose conversion to a Board Room is contemplated. The plan for restoration was presented to the meeting. It was resolved thatthat, since the bad condition of walls and floor in this cottage, necessitated extensive repairs, irrespective of what use the place was put to, the conversion scheme be carried out and quotes obtained for necessary work - it was estimated that $2000 (approximately) would be needed for the restorations apart from the furnishings. Mr.Crouch agreed to obtain these quotes and accept the most satisfactory one.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Yelland suggested that attention be given to the nursery stairway which he considered unsafe.

On the motion of Mr.Crouch, seconded by Mr.Lusher, purchase of two mowers and one attachment at a cost of $873 was confirmed.

The Secretary was directed to inform the Rural Bank that the Trustees desired the balance of Fixed Deposit $12875-00, be cashed.

It was agreed that a pergola of wistaria be erected behind the Stables so that the work area would be screened from Olola Avenue. The Secretary was instructed to inform the head gardener to this effect.

In the past month, two watches had been stolen from cabinet in Reception Room and, two days later,they had been found by the police when arresting W.T.Williams on a charge of breaking into a chemist shop.

The sub-committee was asked to obtain quotes for covering main stairway and report to next meeting.

As the present honorary architect was not available when needed by the Trust, it was suggested that the matter be discussed with Mr.Parkes on the President's return.

Mr.Barrett reported that paths leading to Mt.Trefle had been cleared and signs erected; part of Bottle and Glass road had been completed by the Woollahra Council as arranged and Trust's staff would continue this work during the coming week.

Mr.Lusher told the meeting that he had brought out to the House a french-polisher to advise Trust on restoring cedar doors. He quoted approximately $80 - with a possibility of a lower cost after treating one or two, when the labour cost would be better known.

A glass door was being erected in front of carved door in picture gallery to protect the carvings.

Mr.Kiernan suggested that:

(i) As the rug in main bedroom had been transferred to Miss Wentworth's Room, a larger rug be obtained for main bedroom.

(ii) Samples of wallpaper for the Marble Dining Room be obtained before the next meeting.

(iii) As the green baize in upstairs display cases was not in harmony with the colour scheme, it was suggested that crash linen in a natural shade be procured. As Mrs.Kiernan offered to attend to this, should the Trust be agreeable, the matter was gratefully left to her. It was also suggested that a suitable dressing table be procured for the main bedroom.

As there was a great amount of work to be done with dead wood in many trees in outer park, it was agreed to obtain a quote from David Bros. to do this.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

It was agreed that a letter be sent by the Vice-President to Woollahra Municipal Council giving details of works to be undertaken by the Trust during the next six months and asking that the Trust be considered in Council's estimates.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

This is page three of Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday, 9th.October,1966 at 10 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.December,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
J.Wright,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APLOGIES. An apology was received from Mr.C.Parkes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following officers were unanimously elected to hold office for the ensuing twelve months:-

President:	Mr.H.A.Snelling,
Vice-President:	Mr.J.A.Kelly,
Treasurer:	Mr.J.R.Barrett.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. Before the meeting opened the Vice-President welcomed the President on his return from overseas and thanked the Trustees for their interest and works carried out during the President's absence. In responding, the President thanked the Trustees for the many improvements made over the past months.

It was agreed that the choice of wallpaper for Marble Dining Room be left to Mrs.Snelling and that the woodwork be painted to harmonise with background of paper.

The corridors were completed and the Mitchell Library had promised to loan some paintings and two etchings to the House.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were redeived from the following:-

(i) Mr.V.Allen,Hurstville South, requesting permission to make an oil painting of Vaucluse House with a view to selling. Permission granted.

(ii) Commissioner of Police acknowledging Trust's letter of thanks for Band Recitals.

(iii) Metropolitan Water,Sewerage and Drainage Board advising that toilets and kiosk be check-metered. The Secretary was directed to attend to this matter.

(iv) Metropolitan Water,Sewerage and Drainage Board re proposed appropriation of easement over part of Vaucluse Park in Vaucluse Bay Reserve.

(v) Annual Report and Balance Sheet from Auditor-General's Department.

(vi) Mr.G.Patterson donating a further 250 dollars towards the restoration of the House. A letter of thanks had already been sent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/66 was discussed and noted.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

FINANCE.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Crouch,seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since October meeting to the value of $5008-77 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $9988-06 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

The clock from Mrs.N.Derbyshire of Esperance ,W.A. was received and it was agreed that it be shown to Mr.Brown of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences with a view to having it repaired.

As it was considered that an effort should be made to retain the dining room chairs for the House, it was resolved that the President communicate with Mrs.Fitzwilliam Wentworth.

It was agreed that the nursery stairway be repaired and then, to consider the advisability of carpeting it/.

Mr.Crouch reported on the plans and the work done in cpnnection with the alterations to the Cottage to make it into a Board Room, and said he had arranged with Mr.P.McCallum, Architect, to show the Trustees over the Cottage and to explain the scheme at the conclusion of the Meeting.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed that, because the architect from the Government Arhcitect's Office was unavailable, Mr.P.McCallum be paid for services rendered in the conversion of Cottage to Board Room. It was also resolved that the President seek the help of the Government Architect in obtaining the services of an architect who would be available to the Trust for advice on all structural and maintenance matters pertaining to the House. As the present architect was mostly out of town when needed, this action was deemed necessary.

Discussions with the engineer of the Woollahra Municipal Council on erection of a section of fence in Olola Avenue was entrusted to the President.

Mr.Barrett reported on the improvements made to Bottle and Glass Headland and to the area surrounding Mt.Trefle. As the area surrounding the tip at Nielsen Park was of great interest to the public, it was resolved that the opening of gateway be arranged by the President and Mr.Barrett, with the staff at Nielsen Park.

It was noted that the ferries would run from Circular Quay to Nielsen Park, commencing Sunday, 4th.December.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.;.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.December,1966 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
J.Wright,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.J.R.Barrett and P.Lusher .

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) As directed Mrs,Snelling will select a suitable wallpaper for Marble Dining Room.

(ii) He had communicated with the Water Board about the proposed appropriation of Easement over part of Vaucluse Bay Reserve and was informed that the Board did not propose altering any land at present being used by the baord. It merely wanted an easement over existing structures.

(iii) He had interviewed Mr.W.C.Wentworth in reference to hand-tooled leather chairs, the property of Mr.Fitzwilliam Wentworth. Mr.Wentworth expressed his willingness to act on Trust's behalf.

(iv) The engineer of Woollahra Municipal Council will arrange to have a section of fence erected on the steep incline in Olola Avenue as a safeguard against accidents.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.A.H.Courtney,Marrickville, re alleged stolen money from locker at Nielsen Park. It was decided that the Secretary inform Mr.Courtney of Trust's regrets and that the matter would be investigated. Mr.Wright would have investigations made and report to the Trust.

(ii) Bankstown Lifesaving Club requesting permission to conduct a carnival at Nielsen Park.Permission was not granted.

(iii) Mr.A.C.Hatrick donating $500 towards Restoration Fund. This gift had already been acknowledged.

(iv) The Public Library of N.S.W.informing Trust that the Library approved of the loan of paintings and etchings to the House, the necessary insurance to be arranged by the Trust beforehand. The hanging of the pictures was entrusted to Mr.Yelland.

(v) Agent General for N.S.W.,London, forwarding a certificate from vendor for chandeliers and lantern purchased in London. Mr.Kiernan undertook to arrange for customs clearance if Agent-General had not already done so.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE. (vi) Kings Cross R.S.L.requesting permission for Santa Claus to arrive in a helicopter to its picnic at Nielsen Park. Permission had been granted on the understanding that every care would be taken to ensure the safety of the public.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of bsuiness on 30/11/66 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kiernan,seconded by Mr.Wright, accounts paid since November meeting to the value of $2556-74 in the cass of Nielsen Park and to $4737-88 in the cass of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. A large amount of stone and rubbish had been dumped on the hospital road by Mr.Terence Burge. Prosecution of the offender was left in the hands of Mr.Wright.

The toilets at rear of House had been completed and the old building will be demolished during the coming week. After demolition, consideration will be given to flagging the area and restoring the Guard House.

Mr.Crouch requested permission to order a fitment for new Board Room at a cost of $712. On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Kiernan, approval was given.

Mr.Yelland informed the meeting that he was attending to the placing of the very interesting letters written by Mr.W.C.Wentworth and presented to the Trust by Mrs.A.Weekes. He had also had the photos of Sir Henry Browne Hayes's home enlarged and the whole collection would be framed in due course.

On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Crouch, approval was given for Mr.Yelland to obtain prices for carpeting the main staircase and for curtains to be made for the corridor.

Mr.Kiernan reported that the lifebuoy was missing from the wharf at Nielsen Park and the Secretary was directed to attend to this matter. Mr.Kiernan was asked to arrange with Trust's carpenter to have the container for the buoy securely attached to the wharf. He also requested that Trust's painter restore the cases in upstairs corridor so that these could be relined by Mrs,Kiernan as already arranged.

There would be no meeting in January unless any important matter arose. Before concluding the meeting the President conveyed to the Trustees his best wishes for a very happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

This is page two of Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.December,1966.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th.January,1967 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT.

Mr.H.A.Snelling (In the Chair)
J.A.Kwlly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
H.Yelland,
G.Kiernan,
J.Wright,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Secretary read the letter of resignation from the President. Before the election, the President in outlining the reasons for his resignation stressed pressure of work and inability to devote much of his time to Trust affairs because of protracted periods of absence overseas. On behalf of the Trustees, Mr.Kelly expressed deep regret that the President could not continue in this position and the wish that the Trustees' appreciation of the President's services be placed on record. On the motion of Mr.Kelly,seconded by Mr.Wright, it was regretfully resolved to accept Mr.Snelling's resignation.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett,seconded by Mr.Wright, Mr.G.Crouch was unanimously elected President.

After Mr.Yelland had withdrawn from the ballot, Mr.G.Kiernan, on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Barrett, was elected Vice-President, which office had been rendered vacant by Mr.Kelly's resignation.

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Mr.G.Crouch thanked the Trustees for the confidence placed in him and expressed the hope that he might be able to emulate the sterling work of his predecessor.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The President reported that:-

(a) The toilets at rear of House were complete.
(b) The fitment for new Board Room was being made and would be ready in a few weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Christmas greetings from Mr.Mrs.H.J.Halbert were acknowledged.
(ii) Mr.H.A.Snelling tendering his resignation as President.
(iii) Department of Lands remitting cheque for balance of annual grant for 7125 dollars.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Consideration of payment of first instalment of Loans-Lands Department, due 1st.January,1967. It was resolved that, in view of reduction of the Grant by 3500 dollars, deferment of instalment might be granted.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31.12.66 was discussed and noted.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

FINANCE.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Wright, seconded by Mr.Snelling, accounts paid since December meeting to the value of $2895-54 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $3989-42 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Kelly suggested that flowering trees be included among replacements in the outer park. It was resolved that the Sscretary consult the list of trees planted in the time of W.C.Wentworth and, if possible, procure identical trees. The list of trees was filed in Record Room.

Mr.Parkes reported on hose-reel in courtyard. This is to be positioned as inconspicuously as possible.

Mr.Yelland suggested that the sealed section leading to Bottle and Glass be extended and that some better provision be made for parking in the parking areas. Discussions with the Engineer of the Woollahra Council were entrusted to the President.

A sub-committee consisting of the President and Messrs.J.R.Barrett and H.Yelland was formed for the purpose of discussing and deciding colour schemes for various projects to be painted.

Regarding the contemplated legislation on National Parks,it was decided that individual Trustees study the relevant Act and discuss it as a body at the next meeting.

The President reported that some chairs and a table , suitable for the new Board Room, had been located and that he would inspect these within the next few days. He also mentioned that the Trust's request for inclusion in this year's Council Estimates had been approved by the Woollahra Municipal Council.

Mr.Snelling was granted leave of absence from the next meeting because of his attendance at the Privy Council in late January.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN../..... SECRETARY../.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th.February,1967 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
G.A.Kiernan,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
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H.Yelland,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Opunsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. An apology was received from Mr.J.Wright.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:

(i) As requested at the previous meeting, he had informed the Lands Department by letter that, as the Annual Grant for the current financial year had been reduced from $13,000 to $9,500, it was difficult for the Trust to commence repayment of loans to the Lands Department . He had requested that repayment be deferred. In reply, the Under Secretary had advised the Trust that an additional grant of $2,000 had been made available and that the Department would seek approval of deferment from the Treasurer.

(ii) He had inspected the parking areas with the Council's Engineer and submitted to the meeting a plan drawn up by the Engineer. It was agreed that the matter be left to the President, Mr.Yelland and Council's Engineer to decide the question of parking and area required for this purpose.

(iii) The table and chairs he had inspected with Mr.Yelland ~~and~~ for the Board Room had not been suitable and the matter was left for further investigation by Messrs.Yelland, Barrett,Kiernan and Lusher.

(iv) Regarding the legislation of Parks Act, after discussion it was resolved that a deputation be arranged with the Minister for Lands.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.J.M.Burnett,E.M.I.Ltd.,informing Trust of the delivery of chandeliers and lantern from London free of all charges. The President will acknowledge Mr.Burnett's letter and thank him and his custom agent for their generous co-operation.

(ii) Town Clerk, Woollahra Municipal Council re dogs in Vaucluse Bay Reserve. The Secretary was directed to have signs placed in the reserve, prohibiting dogs in the area.

(iii) Messrs.W.D.& H.O.Wills re making a section of a film in the grounds of Vaucluse House and offering a donation of approximately $1,000. On the motion of Mr.Kiernan, seconded by Mr.Barrett, consent was given and it was suggested that a credit be given to Vaucluse House at the commencement of the film.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE.

(iv) Mr.Levine, Rose Bay, suggesting that suitable signs be placed on hospital road. It was left to Mr.Barrett to arrange for the erection of suitable signs.

(v) Operative Painters and Decorators' Union submitting present wages and conditions of painters. On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Kelly, a sub-committee comprised of Messrs.Barrett,Lusher and Kiernan, was formed to consider wages of all staff and report to next meeting. The Secretary was instructed to furnish each Trustee with a schedule of staff and wages received at the present time.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/1/67 was received and discussed.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since January meeting to the value of $2462-33 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $2962-03 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

It was resolved that for the next three months Trust meetings will commence at 9.30 a.m., the matter to be reviewed at the May meeting. It was also resolved that in future Trust meetings will be held on the third Sunday instead of the second Sunday of each month.

The head gardener was given permission to seek 60 feet of the gravel drive by the method outlined by him to the President and Trustees would inspect this at the next meeting.

Mr.Yelland reported that he was arranging for the purchase of medallions for placing on ceiling of drawing room prior to hanging chandeliers.

The condition of Lebanon Cedar Tree was discussed and it was resolved that, when Mr.Regan of the Forestry Commission reported on tree, his advice be carried out.

Mr.Wright had furnished a report to the Trust about the money alleged to have been stolen from cubicle at Nielsen Park. Following full investigation his Department had agreed that the report of the incidemt was genuine. It was resolved that the Secretary inform Mr.Courtney that the Trust regretted the incident but was unable to accept any responsibility.

Mrs.J. Spanjaard of Neutral Bay had donated a small walnut stool which, after restoration, had been placed in the Morning Room.

It was agreed to purchase an aluminium ladder for use in Vaucluse House.

On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Yelland, it was decided that cars be excluded from the outer park behind coachhouse.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 19th.March,1967 at 9.30 a.m.

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Messrs.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
H.A.Snelling,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
J.Wright.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

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An apology was received from Mr.J.R.Barrett.

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Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

[illegible] ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The President reported that:-

(i) He was arranging with the Council's Engineer, Mr.Hunt, to meet Mr.Yelland and himself during the week to discuss the Bottle and Glass parking area.

(ii) The two rugs on floor of Board Room were on appro., purchase depending on Trustees' decision. It was moved that the Persian Rug be purchased and laid in Main Bedroom and the Chinese Rug to be returned to the Grafton Galleries. Purchase of [illegible] suite was confirmed and it was agreed that a small table to match be ordered.

(iii) A delegation consisting of himself with Mr.Miller and Mr.Kiernan would meet the Minister for Lands at Parliament House this coming Tuesday afternoon to discuss the Legislation Act.

(iv) As the Lebanon Cedar Tree was considered by Mr.Regan of the Forestry Commission to be beyond recall, it was decided to remove tree and to continue the sweep of lawn where tree now stands.

(v) Mrs.Kiernan had set up a display of baby clothes, which originally belonged to Lady Dowling, whose husband was a contemporary of W.C.Wentworth. The Trustees were most grateful to Mrs.Kiernan for the great amount of work she had put into the display.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The sub-committee appointed to consider certain of the staff's wages submitted their report, the following points being discussed:-

(i) After discussion it was agreed that the sub-committee make further investigations on Irvine's salary and conditions and report back to the next meeting.

(ii) J.Stewart's vacating of coachhouse flat was left in the hands of the President to discuss with J.Stewart. The architect would inspect the flat and make his observations known to the Trust.

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GENERAL BUSINESS.

(iii) Thompson's and Kearney's wages to be inereassd to $50-00 and $45-00 respectively.

(iv) B.Binnie,carpenter, at his own request, to work four days per week on his return from annual leave next month.

(v) The Secretary's wage to be increased to $55-00 and the ⅛10-00 telephone rental to be discontinued.

(vi) All labourers and gardeners labourers wage to be increased 40c per week retrospective to 11th.January,'67.

(vii) The painters to receive new award $48-80, retrospective as per letter from Painters' Union.

(viii) It was agreed that Mr.N.Mills be asked to rent valua the cottages occupied by Trust's employees and that the President write to each employee, informing him of the increase in wages and giving him a formal statement of his duties.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discusssd.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 28/2/67 was received and discussed.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kiernan, seconded by Mr.Wright, accounts paid since February meeting to the value of $2285-35 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $3323-96 in the case of Vaucluse Section to be confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The Waverley Council had offered to Trust a horse-trough at present situated in Bondi Road near Denham Street,Bondi. It was agreed that the architect inspect trough and, if suitable, that it be placed behind stables in park.

The matter of a gun at Steel Point was discussed and it was resolved that the Secretary consult past correspondence with the Holroyd Council and the President communicate again with this Council.

Mr.Miller suggested that the Trust could stimulate interest in Vaucluse House by a prize essay competition pn W.C.Wentworth, open to all students at secondary school level. The suggestion was left in the hands of Mr.Yelland for further consideration.

Mr.Wright mentioned that the wives of delegates attending the Police Conference in April would be visiting Vaucluse House and that he would inform the Secretary during the week of the proposed date.

It was agreed that two evening functions be held in the near future and that the Governor be invited to one of these, possibly in October celebrating the anniversary of the birth of W.C.Wentworth.

The President suggested that, if the Council gave a donation this year, it be placed in a special account and be nominated for the following works: Restoration of Guard House,Ceiling of Coachhouse and Stables, China Room, Tree Surgery, Tidying up of parking area at Bottle and Glass and area surrounding Steel Pt.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN...[signature]...SECRETARY...[signature]...

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16th.April,1967 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
J. [illegible],
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr,C.Parkes (Counsellor) and Mr.F.Bridges (Hon,Architect were also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.H.A.Snelling and E.S.Miller.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) The sub-committee had again reviewed the matter of Irvine's wages and had agreed that Irvine be informed that (a) from 10th.April,1967, he would be on a Monday to Friday basis both in summer and winter; (b) that his wage would be $50-00 per week and three weeks annual leave;(c) time worked in excess of 40 hours during the week in summer months would be paid for at the rate of time and a half; (d) other arrangements would be made for weekends for the swimming enclosure. The President suggested that lease of the enclosure might be worth considering, and the sub-committee was asked to consider all aspects of this suggestion and report.

(ii) As arranged, he had interviewed J.Stewart and asked for possession of coachhouse flat within two months. It was agreed that the Secretary arrange a meeting between Mr.Barrett and J.Stewart for the purpose of discussing alternate accommodation for the latter.

(iii) On receipt of rental valuation for employees' residences, he had sent letters to all employees advising them of the rental values, and duties expected of each employee.

(iv) As Mr.Bridges considered that the horse-trough would be most suitable for Vaucluse House, he would communicate with the Waverley Council and a location would be selected for its siting.

(v) He had decided that since a suitable date to invite His Excellency the Governor to Vaucluse House would be Thursday, 26th.October, the anniversary of W.C.Wentworth's birthday, he would write to His Excellency to this effect.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from:

(i) Mr.H.J.Halbert thanking Trustees for their birthday greetings.

(ii) Mr.Cedric Flower requesting permission to photograph the paintings of Picnic-Clark Island and the Piper family. As these paintings were the property of the Mitchell Library, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr.Flower to obtain prior permission from the library.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY. T. Schmude.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/67 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Lusher, accounts paid since March meeting to the value of $2439-42 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $5885-51 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Consideration was given to better planning of the parking area at Bottle and Glass. It was decided to leave the matter at present in the hands of Messrs . Barrett and Yelland to have several signs made and more seats installed.

The prospective purchase of a desk, which could be utilised as an extra table for Board Room, was again discussed and it was decided to authorise Mr.Barrett to obtain from Hill and Co.a quote for making this desk and two extra chairs to match those at present in the Board Room.

The sealing of gravel drive was almost finished and was already proving most satisfactory.

A list of works to be attended to at Nielsen Park during the winter months was handed to Mr.Bridges and it was arranged that Mr.Parkes and Mr.Bridges inspect the various works and report to the Trustees.

The purchase of persian rugs for Drawing Room and Reception Room and a chandelier for the Reception Room was entrusted to the sub-committee.

On the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that the purchase of stair carpet be left in the hands of Mr.Yelland.

It was resolved that in answer to the Minister for Lands letter the delegation make another appointment with the Minister and Mr.Weems, as suggested by the Minister, and press Trust's claims for its retention as an autonomous body.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 21st. May, 1967, at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT — Messrs. G.A.Kiernan (in the Chair),
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
Mrs. T.Schmude (Secretary).
Mr. J.Bridges (Honorary Architect) was also present.

APOLOGIES — Apologies were received from Messrs. G.Crouch, J.Kelly and C.Parkes.

Before opening the meeting, the Vice-President welcomed back Mr. Miller who had recently returned from overseas.

MINUTES — Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES — The Vice-President reported that:-

Quotation from Messrs. Phillips & Co. for table and chairs for Board Room was received. As funds did not permit of this expenditure, it was resolved not to do anything in the matter for the present.

The program of works to be attended to at Nielsen Park in the winter months had been inspected by Messrs. C.Parkes and J. Bridges. Mr. Bridges reported that he would send his report to the Secretary during the coming week. C.B.C.Co. had quoted 1600 dollars for the concrete work and this also would be reported upon.

The purchase of six Persian rugs at a cost of 2800 dollars and of stair carpet at 600 dollars was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Miller.

The President had lunched with Mr. Weems of the Lands Department during the past week as requested by Mr. Weems. It was agreed that on Mr. Crouch's return from leave another delegation to the Minister for Lands be arranged.

CORRESPONDENCE — Letters were received from the following:-

(I) Mr. K. Fahy, Drummoyne, regarding Trust's policy on the furnishing of Vaucluse House. Mr. Snelling agreed to reply to this letter.

(II) Lieut.-Colonel R.F.F.Gillespie in reply to Trust's letter of invitation to His Excellency the Governor was noted.

(III) Mr. A.H.Courtney, Marrickville, in reference to Trust's decision on alleged theft at Nielsen Park. The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Courtney that the Trust did not see its way clear to alter a previous decision.

(IV) Mr. K. Brownscombe, presenting oil painting on loan to the House.

(V) Mr. A.C.Hatrick, enclosing donation of 250 dollars for restoration of China Room and 10 dollars for two pin-oak trees. This had already been acknowledged by the Secretary.

(VI) Commissioner of Police, thanking Trustees for hospitality to the wives of Commissioners and Secretaries

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CORRESPONDENCE (contd)

(VII) Town Clerk,Woollahra Municipal Council,informing Trust of Council's decision to donate 10,000 dollars towards proposed works.

(VIII) Department of Lands (National Parks and Wildlife Service) in reference to giving authority to the Department to take over industrial negotiations on Trust's behalf. It was decided that Mr.Miller reply to this letter informing the Department that,as recent negotiations with the Trust's employees had proved satisfactory,the existing arrangements should continue for the present,and to thank the Department for its interest.

(IX) Department of Lands (National Parks and Wildlife Service) regarding standard colours for Service Equipment was noted.

(X) Department of Lands in reference to extending insurance cover on Public Risks Policy. Mr.Miller was asked to handle this on Trust's behalf.

FINANCE

(a) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30.4.67 was discussed and noted.

(b) On the motion of Mr.Barrett,seconded by Mr.Lusher, accounts paid since April meeting to the value of 2362.69 and 6024.98 for Nielsen Park and Vaucluse Section respectively were confirmed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

OTHER MATTERS Mr.Snelling requested that the following points be recorded in the Minutes on his behalf:-

(I) As regards the incorporation of Vaucluse House in the Legislation Act,his own feeling was that he would desire to see the Trust continue as in the past;

(II) He did not feel that personally he could oppose the scheme or join in any opposition to it;

(III) He would suggest that the Trust agree to the legislation but on very definite plans,and if it became inevitable he would be prepared to negotiate on behalf of the Trust.

On the motion of Mr.Snelling,seconded by Mr.Miller,it was agreed that a special account be opened under the heading of Vaucluse House Trustees' Account and that 7000 dollars of the donation from the Woollahra Municipal Council,plus Mr.Hatrick's donation of 260 dollars,be placed in this account on fixed deposit for three months and that the moneys be used specifically for the works mentioned by the President at the previous meeting.

It was also resolved that,as 1100 dollars of the balance in the current account of the Trust was the balance of donations received,this amount be used for the purchase of curtains for top and lower corridors,and brass rods for stair carpet. Quotations for curtains of 740 dollars,and 181 dollars for brass rods,fittings and installation,was accepted.

Mr.Bridges reported on his inspection of Bottle-and-Glass parking area. The matter was discussed fully by the meeting and it was resolved that further investigations be made before reaching a decision.

CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.

OTHER MATTERS (contd)

Mr.Yelland reported that the restoration of the China Room had commenced and outlined the various aspects of the restorations. It was agreed that laminated glass at a cost of 127 dollars be placed in showcases, that strip lighting be installed and the cases lined with suitable material.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.../s/.....SECRETARY.../s/.....

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 18th.June,1967 at 9.30 a.m.

Messrs.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
E.S.Miller,
J.K.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
G.Kiernan,
Mrs. T..E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) and Mr.F.Bridges (Hon.Arch.) were also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.J.A.Kelly and J. .

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

Mr.Snelling had drafted a letter to Mr.Fahy,Drummoyne, which had been sent under the President's signature.

Mr.Miller drafted the letter to the Lands Department in reference to industrial negotiations and this had also been sent.

The account for the Vaucluse House Trustees had been opened at the Rural Bank and donations from Woollahra Municipal Council ($7000) and Mr.A.Hatrick($260) had been deposited therein.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.J.K.Bain,Vaucluse, forwarding cheque for $100 towards House restorations. This had been acknowledged by the President and the cheque deposited in the Vaucluse House Trustees Account.

(ii) Miss S.Mourot and Mr.J.Inglis thanking Trustees for an enjoyable evening on 5th.May.

(iii) Woollahra Municipal Council informing Trust that Council had resolved to meet the cost of sealing access road to Bottle and Glass. The matter was discussed by the Trustees and it was agreed that Messrs.Crouch,Snelling,Yelland,Barrett and Bridges together with Council's Engineer meet at Bottle and Glass to discuss the best means of sealing,etc.and to implement the scheme as resolved by this sub-committee

GENERAL BUSINESS. The proposed increase of Public Liability Insurance Policy was reported by Mr.Miller. Approval was given for an increase to $2008,000 for any one event and for extra premium to cover general risk of fire and explosion. The Government Insuranee representative, together with Mr.Mille would arrange new wording for the policy in question.

It was resolved to purchase 10 doz.Paris Goblets for entertainments at a cost of $3-75 per dozen,instead of hiring these [illegible].

[illegible] T.E.Schmude

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/5/67 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Snelling, accounts paid since May meeting to the value of $1550-91 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $10776-84 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. It was decided to change the Persian Rug in Guest Dining Room for one of a lighter shade and the matter was left in the hands of Mr.Barrett.

On the motion of Mr,Snelling, seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was agreed that the grey marble fireplace, transferred to the Trust sometime ago from the old Government Printing Office when this building was demolished, be given to the Woollahra Municipal Council for use in the Council's residence being restored at Watsons Bay.

A pewter spice pot and spoon donated by Mrs.Kaye-Webster was presented to the House by Mr.C.Parkes.

A proof of the Vaucluse House Directory was presented to the meeting by Mr.Yelland and it was decided that directory when completed be sold for five cents. Mr.Barrett offered to have a more up-to-date block for the Drawing Room made to be placed on cover instead of the obsolete photo on the proof sheet.

Mr.Yelland reported that Mr.Setelik of the Mitchell Library had examined the paintings in House and informed the Secretary that a few of thr paintings needed restoring. It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of Mr.Yelland and to have this work done as funds permitted. Mr.Yelland also mentioned that the china room was nearing completion and that he and Mr.Lipscombe had interviewed the electrician,Mr.Cameron, to arrange for lighting of display cases.

It was resolved that funds did not permit of any work being done at Nielsen Park by contractors. Trust's staff handle the necessary repairs during the winter months.

It was agreed that the restoration of guard house and stables be left in the hands of Messrs.Snelling and Bridges.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

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Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16th.July,1967 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
H.Yelland,
G.A.Kiernan,
J.Wright,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller, H.A.Snelling, P.Lusher and C.Parkes.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) The sub-committee had visited the Bottle and Glass headland as arranged and all had agreed that the area should be used, as formerly, for parking cars at weekends during the summer months and that a strip ten feet wide should be sealed on the circular drive. Letters from the Government Architect and from the National Trust about this matter were read and it was resolved that the President acquaint the Minister for Lands with the Trust's intentions and if the Minister agrees with Trust's intentions the action of the sub-committee be implemented.

(ii) The Persian Rug in Guest Dining Room had been changed and the present one was laid for inspection by the Trustees.

(iii) As the painting of Captain Cook's Landing was the property of the Mitchell Library, the picture would be returned and possibly loaned to the Kurnell Museum as requested by them.

(iv) The Art Gallery had loaned some more pictures to Vaucluse House. These would be delivered within the next few days.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Minister for Lands thanking Trustees for luncheon amd informing them that it was not anticipated that the proposed legislation would adversely affect the Trust's position or authority.

(ii) Town Clerk, Woollahra Municipal Council, accepting marble fireplace for the Council's residence at Watsons Bay.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/67 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Wright, accounts paid since June meeting to the value of $1959-19 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $3070-25 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. It was agreed that the Police Pipe Band would play at Vaucluse House on Sunday 10th.September and the Police Military Band on Sunday, 8th.October,1967.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

As it was not possible to procure white vinyl or lino for the stair treads at curve of stairway, it was resolved that the treads be painted white.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was agreed to renew the advertisement in touring Coaches at a cost of $60 for the twelve months and to issue the Keith Breusch Co.with fifty copies (free) of History of Vaucluse House to be distributed as reading matter in the coaches.

A sub-committee comprising Messrs.Snelling and Kiernan was approved. Before being put into operation all major wprks in garden are to be brought before this committee.

Mr.J.Wright tendered his resignation to the Trust on the grounds that his retirement from the Police Force automatically entailed hid disqualification as a trustee. His associations with the Trust had been extremely happy and he would suggest to the Commissioner of Police that, when appointing the next member of the Police Department to the Trust, the Commissioner consider appointing an officer resident in the district so that he could be more readily available.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the ~~sum~~ amount of $23-25, allegedly stolen from dressing sheds last February, be written off the Trust's books.

Mr.S.P.Weems, Director of the Parks Service Bureau, addressed the meeting explaining certain details of the proposed legislation. After discussion by the Trustees, it was resolved that after Mr.Weems had checked certain amendments with the Minister for Lands, a future meeting with the Minister be arranged for the purpose of finalising the matter.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 20th.August,1967 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.J?Crouch (In the Chair),
G.A.Kiernan,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
H.A.Snelling,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
Mrs. T.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.J.R.Barrett.

The President announced the death of Mr.H.J.Halbert, a former Trustee and Counsellor since 1934, and two minutes silence was observed in respect of his memory. On behalf of the Trustees, Mr.Kiernan expressed his appreciation of Mr.Halbert's faithful service to the Trust over the past twenty-five years. It was agreed that the President write to Mr.Halbert's widow and that a wreath be sent from the Trustees.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) He understood that the National Trust had made representations to the Minister for Lands regarding use made of the Bottle and Glass area at weekends. In a letter to the Trust the Minister had drawn Trust's attention to this area which he had visited on 28th.July. He expressed grave concern about its condition. It was unanimously agreed that the President reply to the Minister's letter, informing him that the Trustees were concerned that he had visited the area officially without being accompanied by a Trustee; (2) that when he saw the area, it was being sealed by the Woollahra Council and was therefore not in its usual tidy condition; (3) that the rubbish tip at Nielsen Park, to which he referred, was also a source of concern to the Trust. Because of recent rains the garden debris on tip could not be burnt but that it had been disposed of during the past week. Each Trustee expressed his own views on the matter and also on the proposed legislation being brought down by the Minister and it was resolved that Mr.Yelland invite Mr.Donald Maclean to meet the Trustees at Vaucluse House early this coming week with a view to Mr.Maclean's writing an explanatory article for the Sydney Morning Herald pointing out the work done by the Trustees,etc.during the past fifty-seven years. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to the Premier and to Mr.W.C.Wentworth enclosing the recent correspondence between the Trust and the Minister in reference to this legislation.

(ii) The propsective purchase of the Persian Rugs in Guest Dining Room and Study was discusssd and it was agreed to keep the one in Guest Dining Room (balance of $50 outstanding to be paid) but as the Trust was not in a position to purchase rug in Stud that it be returned to Frank's Persian Bazaar.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) The Maritime Services Board in reply to Trust's letter regarding market posts on Bottle and Glass headland was noted.

(ii) Public Service Association re industrial protection for employees was deferred.

(iii) Eastern Command, A.M.Forces, informing Trust that owing to heavy committments military Bands will be unable to give a recital this year at Vaucluse House, was received.

(iv) Commissioner of Police informing Trust that approval has been given for Police Band to give a recital on Sunday 10th.September and Sunday, 8th.October.

(v) United Telecasters re telecast in grounds of House on Friday, 18th.August.

(vi) A.B.Commission thanking Trustees for permission to film a series in Vaucluse Bay on 8th.August,

(vii) Minister for Lands regarding parking area at Bottle and Glass was discussed earlier in "matters arising from Minutes."

(viii) Minister for Lands acknowledging President's letter regarding proposed legislation.

GENERAL BUSINESS. It was resolved that sick pay for Mr.Ross be made cumulative and that this should be applicable to all employees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was reeeived and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/67 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kiernan, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since July meeting to the value of $1459-19 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $4199-49 in the cass of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. On the motion of Mr.Snelling, seconded by Mr.Tusher, it was resolved to employ H.Westbrook in place of F.Irvine in dressing sheds on Sundays in swimming season. Employment of an attendant on Saturdays would be arranged before the opening of the season.

It was agreed that F.Thompson be permitted to work on Saturdays atthe rate of time and a half, if the award prescribes time and a half rates irrespective of hours worked on Saturdays. If, on the other hand, the rate of pay is at double rates after four hours work, he will not be permitted to work over the amount of $10-00.

Mr.Yelland reported that the china room was complete but that extra strip lighting would be needed in display cases and this was agreed to. Four paintings and nine watercolours had been loaned to the House by the Art Gallery and these would be hung within the next week. The painting of the Landing of Captain Cook would be returned to the Art Gallery as requested.

CHAIRMAN...../.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr. Miller reported that the extra cover for public liability policies would be in the vicinity of $300 and it was resolved that he receive other quotes before renewing these policies with the Government Insurance.

An original Wentworth bath-tub had been collected by Mr.Snelling from Mr.J.S.Lind of Lane Cove. This had been given to Miss Bennett of Clareville when the family left the House.

Mr.Kiernan reported that the Maritime Services Board had painted the wharf at Nielsen Park as requested, much painting to dressing sheds had been done by Trust's carpenter and the tip had been cleaned during the past week.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11/30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

An extraordinary Meeting of the Trust was held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 27th.August,1967 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
G.A.Kiernan,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
H.A.Snelling,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.J.R.Barrett.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Trustees' position if the proposed legislation was proclaimed.

Mr.Miller reported that he had been in touch with the Hon.Thomas Gleeson,M.L.C. and also the Hon.T.Fuller. During the interview, Mr.Fuller had telephoned the Minister for Lands requesting that he remove Vaucluse House from the Third Schedule but the Minister had refused to do this.

Mr.Yelland told the meeting that he was unable to obtain the services of Mr.Donald Maclean from the S.M.Herald. Instead, he had brought Miss Frizelle from the Herald staff to the House and, in company with the President, had escorted Miss Frizelle through the House and later entertained her at luncheon. Much detail had been given to Miss Frizelle for an article to be published in DATA column of the Herald, but, when the article was published, he was very disappointed to find that very little of the information had been printed.

Mr.Snelling informed the Trust that he would consider giving his resignation to the Minister as from date the Act was proclaimed but, that in the future, both he and his wife would be available to give any advice as regards the House if needed.

The President reported that at the last Council meeting the Council had passed a Mayoral Minute in regard to the legislation and felt very strongly the lack of consideration by the Minister towards the Trustees. Copy of the Minute would be sent to the Trust within the next few days. He informed the members that, if the legislation went through, he would not be prepared to remain on the Trust and this view was expressed by all the Trustees.

It was resolved that a latter be sent to the Premier and to Mr.Wentworth informing of them of the Trustees' concern and this the President agreed to do.

The death of the House attendant, Mr.H.Ross, was announced and the President would write to his widow expressing the Trustees' regrets.

On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Kiernan,it was decided to write off as a bad debt the amount of $10-00, owing since December 1964, by the Mercury Social Club.

MEETING CLOSED. The Meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.September,1967 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Mr.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
G.A.Kiernam,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
H.Yelland,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.J.A.Kelly, H.A.Snelling, P.Lusher and C.Parkes.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) Accompanied by Mr.Miller and Mr.Kiernan he had discussed with the Crown Solicitor the request from the Woollahra Municipal Council to return to the Council the balance of Donation not expended. The Crown Solicitor had informed the deputation that the money could not be refunded by the Trust and that, in his opinion, should the money be refunded each individual Trustee would be liable.

(ii) He had engaged the services of E.H.Holt and Associates who, for the sum of $90-00, would write an article on the present position of the Trustees if the Act was proclaimed and the article would be sent to every medium of publicity. Mr.Godden of Holt's had also arranged a Press Conference to be held in the Board Room this coming Tuesday at 11 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.W.C.Wentworth in reply to President's letter regarding legislation, was noted.

(ii) Town Clerk, Woollahra Municipal Council, forwarding Mayoral Minute of 28th.August and recommending that Trustees refund portion of donation not expended. This letter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting under "Matters arising from Minutes".

(iii) Broadcasting Station 2 SM expressing concern at the proposed legislation, was noted.

(iv) Mr.O.J.Boardman, Minister for Lands' Secretary, acknowledging President's letter of 28th.August and informing the Trust that the Minister would acknowledge the letter on his return from the country.

(v) The Rt.Hon.R.W.Askin, acknowledging President's letter of 28th.August and informing the Trust that although he would be unable to grant an appointment at this stage because of heavy commitments, he would consider anu further information the Trust might wish to place before him.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/67 was discussed and noted.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

FINANCE.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett,seconded by Mr.Yelland, accounts paid since August meeting to the value of $2152-89 in the case of Nielsen Park and to $3496-11 in the case of Vaucluse Section were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

The President announced that:-

(i) Mr.Snelling had informed him that he, Mr.Snelling had formally sent his resignation as a Trustee to the Minister for Lands as from date of proclamation of the new Act.

(ii) He had written several letters to various people regarding the proposed legislation and read a copy of a letter from Mr.W.Farnsworth of Messrs.G.Patterson Ltd., who had written to the Premier informing him that, if the legislation included Vaucluse House, he would withdraw his financial and elèctoral support from the Liberal Party. It was agreed that the President write to the Premier thanking him for his letter of 5th.September and furnishing him with further information as to the difficulties that would occur if Vaucluse House was separated from Nielsen Park.

Mr.Yelland reported that Miss Mourot of the Mitchell Library had loaned to Mrs.Kiernan photographs of Vaucluse ~~House~~ taken about 1830. He was having these copied and enlarged to be used as a background for display case in Period Costume Room.

ETING CLOSED.

The Meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

This is page two of Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday, 10th.September,1967 .

CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Trustees was held at Vaucluse House on Sunday,24th.September,1967 at 9.30 a.m/

PRESENT. Messrs.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
G...Kiernan,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.A.Snelling.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) The Minister for Lands in reply to President's letter of 29th.August.

(ii) Minister for Lands referring to President's letter to the Premier dated 28th.August.

(iii) Minister for Lands replying to President's letter of 29th.August regarding Bottle and Glass.

(iv) Mr.A.P.Benson enclosing copies of letters sent by Penfolds Wines to the Premier and Minister for Lands regarding proposed legislation.

(v) National Parks and Wildlife Service re banking arrangements under new Act and requesting signatures for cheques. This was deferred for the present.

(vi) Letter to Mr.E.S.Miller from the Premier was read in answer to Mr.Miller's correspondence with the Premier.

After a lengthy discussion in regard to the new legislation which was to operate from 1st.October,1967,it was agreed by all Trustees that (1) Mr.Miller reply to the Premier; (2) after reading the Premier's letter to Mr.Miller they are encouraged to believe that the new legislation in regard to Vaucluse House would be reviewed and (3) the Trustees would remain on the Trust until their position became untenable.

In regard to the balance of $5483-00 of Council's Donation $900 had been allocated for tree surgery as per quotation from Davis Bros; $3847 was approved for quotation from C.B.C.Contracting Co.for restoration of coachhouse and stables, $350 Architect Fees for stable project. The balance of $386-00 would be needed for contingencies for work on stables.

Approval was given for thepurchase of Persian Rug at a cost of $900-00 for Study.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....PRESIDENT.....

Minutes of Meeting of Nielsen Park Trust held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 15th. October, 1967 at 11 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Moved by Mr. Lusher that the identical officers elected to the Vaucluse House Historic Site be elected to the Nielsen Park Trust. This was carried unanimously.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mrs. E. Halbert acknowledging President's letter of sympathy on the death of her husband.

(ii) Mr. R. W. Saunders, Rose Bay, regarding dog nuisances at Nielsen Park. It was resolved that the Secretary inform Mr. Saunders of the Trust's programme of ridding the area of dogs and that a ranger-dogcatcher with instructions to prosecute offenders be employed for three weeks days a week as well as the weekends to carry out Trust's plan of action.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

As the premium with the Government Insurance Office for increase of Public Liability Policy for Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks was $270-00 and Mr. Miller had obtained a quote from the Transport Insurance Co. for $50-55 for the same coverage, it was agreed that this particular policy be transferred to the latter company.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/67 was discussed and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since September meeting to the value of $2534-37 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr. Kiernan made reference to the difficulty experienced at Nielsen Park in disposing of rubbish unable to be burnt in Trust's incinerator. It was resolved that the Secretary arrange with the Woollahra Council to have this type of rubbish removed and to obtain a quote for this service.

On the motion of Mr. Yelland, seconded by Mr. Lusher, it was decided to charge pensioners half usual rate for season tickets, the foreman to be notified of this.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 19th.November,1967 at 11 a.m.

Messrs.G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
J.A.Kiernan,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.K.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.A.Snelling (counsellor) was also present.

An apology was received from Mr.G.Parkes.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mr.R.Palmer informing Trust of the office bearers elected for the forthcoming season for the Nielsen Park Life Saving Club was received.

(ii) Mr.J.A.Shaw, President, Bondi Amateur Swimming Club regarding carnival to be held at Nielsen Park on Sunday,24th.March,1968. It was resolved that the Secretary inform the Club that permission was granted for the carnival, but that it be understood that members of the public have access to the pool during the carnival, without any infringement on the public's right to use the pool.

The Secretary's report was received and discussed.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/67 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Walker, seconded by Mr.Lusher, accounts paid since October meeting to the value of $2416-37 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

It was agreed that Messrs.Miller and Kiernan interview F.Irvine, foreman of Nielsen Park, and inform him that the Trustees wish him to take a greater interest in the park.

It was resolved that a ranger be employed on weekdays for a few weeks to patrol the hospital road for the purpose of prosecuting persons depositing rubbish on the road.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 12 o'clock.

G.J.Crouch T.E.Schmude

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 17th December, 1967 at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs. G.J.Crouch (In the Chair),
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett ,
P.Lusher,
H.Yelland,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Messrs.C.Parkes and H.A.Snelling (Counsellors) were also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. Mr.Miller reported that he and Mr.Kiernan had interviewed F.Irvine as requested at the last meeting and that they had had a satisfactory conversation with him, pointing out the necessity of his staff attending assiduously to the duties assigned to them and his own part in these duties.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Mr.Maxwell J.McArthur, Solicitor, acting for Mrs.F.M.Davis, who allegedly suffered a fall at Nielsen Park on Sunday, 3rd. December, 1967. The Secretary was directed to forward the letter, together with written reports from F.Irvine and H.Westbrook, to the Transport and General Insurance Company.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/11/67 was discusssd and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Miller, accounts paid since November meeting to the value of $2737-23 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. In response to a request from the Ambulance Brigade to instal an urn in the First Aid Room, Mr.Barrett offered to donate one and informed the Trustees he would deliver it to Nielsen Park during the coming week.

It was resolved that, because of the untidiness caussd by the erection of tents for organised picnics at Nielsen Park, no tents would be permitted. To offset any lost revenue, it was decided that hiring fees for Nos. 1,2 and 4 Pavilions and parking fees be increased from $20 to $30 and from 30c to 40c respectively.

Mr.Barrett, on behalf of the Trustees, congratulated the President on his election as Mayor of Woollahra and wished the grateful thanks of the Trustees for the assistance he had rendered to the Trust in co-operation with the Woollahra Council be recorded.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

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NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 18th.February,1968 at 10.30 a.m., following on meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett.
P.Lusher,
G.J.Crouch,
~~H.Yelland~~,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude, (Secretary)

Messrs.C.Parkes and H.A.Snelling (Counsellors) were also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The question of hire charges for pavilions to charitable and religious institutions was again considered and it was agreed that the charges remain as before, namely, $15-00 for Nos.1,2 and 4 Pavilions but the increase to $30-00 apply to all other picnic parties.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) The Royal Life Saving Society regarding the Carnival at Nielsen Park on Sunday, 24th.March was noted.

(ii) Transport and General Insurance acknowledging Trust's letter of 2nd.January.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/1/68 was received and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since December meeting to the value of $2562-81 and $3134-40 respectively were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Snelling reported that, as requested, he had made an inspection of Nielsen Park including Bottle and Glass and Steel Point with Mrs.Molenkamp from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. He understood that there is a long-range plan for restoring these areas. Mr.Yelland said that he was of the opinion that Bottle and Glass was deteriorating to a considerable extent but that, as the Trust was prevented from doing any work in this area because of a letter from the Minister for Lands to this effect, the matter was at a standstill.

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A quotation of $32-00/for large white garbage receptacles was considered and the Secretary was requested to obtain another quote through Mr.Lusher and to accept the cheaper.

Irvine had requested two power points for ranger's cottage. On giving a quote for these, the electrician, Mr.D.Cameron, recommended that the witing in kitchen and bathroom section, at present in bad condition, be renewed before installing power points. The total cost would approximate $40-00. This was agreed to and the Secretary was directed to have the rest of the wiring checked by the electrician in case this too needed renewing.

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OTHER MATTERS? Mr.Snelling reported that, in reply to a request for floats from the Department of Navy, the Trust had been notified that the Naval Department would felease six at a cost of $14-00 each. It was agreed to purchase these for a total of $84-00.

Mr.McCole reported to the President that owing to ill-health he wished to sell the balance of his lease at Nielsen Park Kiosk, which had three years before expiration, but that Mrs.McCole would carry on the kiosk at Vaucluse House.. The Trustees agreed that this could be arranged but that, when a prospective buyer had been found by Mr.McCole, the Trust would have to interview him before any arrangements could be finalised.

Leave of absence for one month from 17th.March was granted to Mr.Snelling during his absence abroad in connection with Privy Council.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN:.....SECRETARY:.....

5/3/68.

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 17th.March, 1968.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
G.Crouch.
Mrs. T.Schmude (Secretary)

Messrs.C.Parkes and H.A.Snelling (Counsellors) were also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.P.Lusher and R.Walker.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reminded the Trustees that the Royal Life Saving Society's Carnival would be held at Nielsen Park on Sunday, 24th.March at 1.30 p.m.

The Floats had been collected from Rydalmere Naval Depot by a truck from the Woollahra Municipal Council and would be restored during the winter season.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Transport and General Insurance Company informing Trust that they had investigated the claim by Mrs.Davis and found that the Trust was in no way responsible for her injury.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 28/2/68 was received and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $2540-84 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Crouch reported that Mr.Weems had been in communication with him in regard to parking problems at Nielsen Park and it was arranged that the Woollahra Council's Engineer and some of the Trustees confer with the National Parks Service as soon as plans were complete. It was suggested that Mt.Trefle might be cleared for parking purposes. Mr.Yelland would draft a letter to the Minister for Lands about the condition of Bottle and Glass parking area. Since the letter from the Minister for Lands asking the Trust to defer any work on this area, Bottle and Glass was deteriorating from lack of attention.

It was suggested that the dressing sheds be opened during the next swimming season at 6.30 a.m.instead of 7 a.m. This is to be decided upon before the commencement of the next season.

Mr.Snelling was granted extended leave for two months and the President on behalf of the Trustees wished Mr.Snelling bon voyage.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m .

PRESIDENT.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 21st.April,1968 at 10.35 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J. .B[illegible],
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
A.[illegible],
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.C.Parkes, A.G.Wild and F.J.Hanson.

[illegible] Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. Mr.Crouch informed the meeting that an officer from National Parks and Wildlife Service had telephoned the Woollahra Council's Engineer, Mr.Hunt, to ask what plans the Council had in mind for purchase of land for parking in the vicinity of Nielsen Park. Mr.Weems had also 'phoned Mr.Crouch in similar terms and Mr.Crouch had informed him that he knew of no such plans.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/68 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Walker, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $2347-29 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Yelland presented a draft of letter to be sent by the Secretary to the Minister for Lands regarding the condition of Nielsen Park.

It was agreed that Mr.Miller draw up separate By-laws for Nielsen Park and Vaucluse House for the purpose of bringing both up to date.

It was resolved to empower by letter the following persons at Nielsen Park to enforce the by-laws and to delegate Mr.Miller to explain to each of these persons application of the word "enforce"-

Messrs.F.Irvine,H.Westbrook,S.Walker and J.Kennedy

The letter of authority to be couched in the following words, "I have to inform you that you have been authorised by the Nielsen Park Trust to enforce the by-laws of the Trust."

The President informed the meeting that:-

(i) Mr.Weems had informed him by telephone that a meeting was to be held at the home of Mr.McRae, 11 Coolong Road,Vaucluse on Sunday,29th.March, in reference to the parking position at Nielsen Park but that he, Mr.Weems, had not invited any of the Trustees to,the meeting.

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OTHER MATTERS.

(11) The painter had completed the dressings sheds and the work was most satisfactory.

(iii) He had drawn up a list of necessary works to be attended to during the winter months and, when quotes had been received, he proposed writing to the Minister for Lands for funds to finance these works.

Mr.Lusher reported that the dredges at Bottle and Glass had been removed by the Maritime Services Board.

Mr.Barrett brought to the notice of the Trustees an incident in which the Fire Brigade was unable to turn its waggon at Steel Point because of a fence erected by the Commonwealth Department. It was resolved that Mr.Miller draft a letter to the Department, pointing out that the erection of this fence contravened the terms of the Agreement entered into by the Commonwealth Government with the Trust in 1954 and requesting that the fence be taken down immediately. The area surrounding the gun pits was in bad condition and it was agreed that the President and Mr.Barrett interview the Naval Area Officer with a view to having this section cleaned up.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th.May,1968 following on the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Messrs.H.A.Snelling and C.Parkes (Counsellors) were also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.P.Lusher, G.Crouch and R.Walker.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) He had not yet received a letter from the Minister for Lands in reply to his letter about the proposed planning of Nielsen Park:

(ii) Quotes were still not complete for maintenance works to be attended to during the winter months, but as soon as they had been received, he would seek an interview with the Minister to ask for extra funds to be made available for these works:

(iii) The old truck had been disposed of to Flemington Spare Parts Company for $30-00;

(iv) A letter dictated by Mr.Miller had been sent to the Department of the Interior in reference to erection of fence at Steel Point and a meeting was arranged for the forthcoming Wednesday to discuss this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from the Vaucluse Progress Association regarding Bottle and Glass and Vaucluse Point and Trust's reply thereto, was read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/4/68 was read and discussed.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts to the value of $2754-71 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Increase of the painter's wage from $49-80 to $55-22 in accordance with new award was agreed to, retrospective from the first full-pay period in May and to commence when gazetted. To bring the other employees into line with this increase,it was resolved that the following rates of pay be given: F.Irvine $57-00, S.Walker $48-00, B.Binnie $45-00 for four days, Secretary $70-00. A letter dictated by Mr.Miller to be written to the staff members concerned, pointing out that, as the increases were substantially above award payments, in the event of award increments in the future it will not be possible to maintain proportionally these marginal increases above award provision.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

16/5/68

OTHER MATTERS. Letter from Department of Labour and Industry regarding casual wages paid to Mrs.M.Turner, toilet attendant during the swimming season at weekends, was discussed, and the Secretary was directed to contact Mr.Dickinson of the Public Service Board, explaining the circumstances and requesting that an industrial officer from the Board make enquiries on the Trust's behalf. In the meantime, the Secretary was to inform the Department of Labour and Industry that the Trust was obtaining advice from the Public Service Board.

Regarding the request from Lifesavers to play football on the beach during the winter months the Secretary was instructed to inform the Club that this was not permissible.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12.5 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

16/6/68.

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16th.June,1968 following on the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.J.A.Kelly, R.N.Walker and H.A.Snelling.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:

(i) Department of the Interior in reply to Trust's letter in reference to barrier fence at Steel Point. The President reported that the fence had been removed during the past month.

(ii) Elliott Automation re modifying telephone unit in Dressing Sheds to permit of two coins being used, thus raising the charge from 5c to 7c per call. This was agreed to.

GENERAL BUSINESS. The President reported that he had received some quotes for work necessary during the winter months. It was agreed that when all quotes had been received, the President and Mr.Parkes confer, prior to making an appointment with the Minister for Lands.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/5/68 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Crouch, seconded by Mr.Lusher, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $1634-79 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Miller suggested that a letter be sent to the Department of the Interior reminding them of their obligation in accordance with Agreement to maintain at all times the road leading to Naval Station.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m .

16.7.68.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 21st. July, '68 following on the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs. G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
G.J.Crouch,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Messrs. C.Parkes and H.A.Snelling (Counsellors) were also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.P.Lusher.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

All quotes for work necessary to be attended to before the opening of the swimming season had been received and comparisons made. As agreed at the last meeting, he and Mr.Parkes had chosen the most suitable quotations and he suggested that a deputation of Trustees comprising Messrs.Miller, Barrett and himself, interview the Minister for Lands to ask for a grant to have these works completed by 1st.October.. After discussion, it was resolved that the Secretary write to the Minister setting out the necessary works and their cost, and requesting an interview by the deputation.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Department of the Interior in reply to Trust's letter re fence at Steel Point and condition of hospital road. Contents were noted.

(ii) Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service, re long-range plan for Nielsen Park and accompanying map. After a lengthy discussion, it was ~~resolved~~ that Mr.Miller draft a letter requesting (a) estimate involved in the carrying out of plan, (b) how the cost would be met, (c) when would the plan be put into operation and (d) what finance would substitute the present means of finance at Nielsen Park. In view of this plan Mr.Miller moved that the present policy be maintained and that this should be made known to the Minister. As there was some difference of opinion on this motion, Mr.Miller withdrew the motion and suggested that, when the letter was sent to the Minister requesting finance for urgent works, it be pointed out that these works were necessary not only to keep faith with those organized picnic parties already booked for 68/69 swimming season but also for reasons of safety and hygiene. The long-range plan would be discussed again at the September meeting allowing the Trustees time to consider the various details of the report sent by the Director of National Parks and Wildlife Service.

CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.....

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of 30/6/68 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Walker, seconded by Mr. Miller accounts paid since June meeting to the value of $1953-76 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Quotation of $164-82 from Scott Bonnar for new motor and spare parts to repair two rotary mowers was accepted.

MEETING CLOSED. Meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

18/9/68

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday 18th.August,1968 following on the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.G.J.Crouch and R.N.Walker.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Minister for Lands in reply to Trust(s letter requesting an interview to obtain a grant for urgent works. It was agreed that the President inform the Minister that the Trustees proposed to obtain an overdraft of $4000 from the Rural Bank,Bondi Junction against future income so that the urgent works be completed before the opening of the swimming season on 5th.October next.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/68 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts since last meeting (paid) to the value of $1811-37 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The President informed the meeting:

(i) That he would enquire from Mr.Regan of the Forestry Coimission the type of trees suitable for planting in Nielsen Park to replace some that had died.

(ii) The Woollahra Municipal Council had completed the paving of the vehicle turning area and the work was most satisfactory.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

16/9/68

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 15th.September,1968 following on the meeting of the Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.A.Snelling (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.J.A.Kelly,.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. Further to the correspondence with the Minister for Lands, Mr.Barrett had been in touch with the Rural Bank, Bondi Junction, and had obtained an overdraft of $4000-00 to complete urgent maintenance works before the commencement of the swimming season.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

Manager, Rural Bank, Bondi Junction, advising the Trust that the request for an overdraft of $4,000-00 had been granted.

Two letters from the Minister for Lands in reply to Trust's recent correspondence with the Minister were noted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/68 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Walker, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $2488-11 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The President reported that:-

(i) The repairs to the roof of No.3 Pavilion and the floor of No.1 Pavilion had been completed by T.R.Gilderthorpe.

(ii) John Collins and would finish repairs to the roof of ladies toilets before the opening of the swimming season and the C.B.C.Contracting Co.were attending to the various repair concrete jobs that had been detailed to them sometime ago.

Mr.Barrett reported that he and the President interviewed Mrs/McCole, her solicitor and aaccountant during the past week and an advertisement for sale of the business had appeared in the 15th.September issue of the S.M.Herald.

CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr,Snelling explained that the par in Herald recently regarding the transfer of land at Steel Point referred to that portion of land where the gun pits were placed. This area and other portions mentioned, were now surplus to the Commonwealth's requirements and had been made available to the State.

The Master Plan, as suggested by the Minister for Lands, was again discussed and it was agreed that the views of the Trustees be placed before the Minister . Mr.Miller was asked to draft a letter to this effect.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 12.5 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN PARK TRUST

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 20th.October,1968 following the meeting of the Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair), H.Yelland, J.A.Kelly, E.S.Miller, J.R.Barrett, R.N.Walker, Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.P.Lusher, G.Crouch and H.A.Snelling.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was decided that the same officers for Vaucluse House be elected for Nielsen Park as well.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Major A.E.Wood regarding gun emplacement at Steel Pt. and Trust's reply thereto,was noted.

(ii) Department of Navy in reply to Trust's letter re roadway from Vaucluse Road to Steel Pt.

(iii) Bondi Amateur Swimming Club requesting the use of swimming enclosure for their carnival on Sunday, 16th.March,1969. Permission was granted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/68 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Yelland,seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $1870-45 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The President reported that:-

(i) Mr.G.Stratton had taken over tenancy of the Nielsen Park Kiosk as from Saturday, 12th.October,1968.

(ii) Roof of ladies toilets had been completed by Mr.John Collins.

As each member had received a copy of draft letter regarding the Master Plan, it was resolved after discussion that Mr.Miller amend certain sections and that the letter as amended, be sent to the Minister for Lands.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12.50 p.m.

Chairman Secretary

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 17th.November,1968 following on the meeting of the Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.H.Yelland (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.K.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.A.Snelling(Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.G.A.Kiernan, G.Crouch,R.N.Walker and C.Parkes.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Minister for Lands acknowledging Trust's letter of 25th.October regarding Master Plan.

(ii) Department of the Navy regarding roadway to Steel Point. It was resolved that the Trust agree to the re-surfacing of existing road to Steel Pt. with bituminous concrete and the provision of road drainage under the road at the appropriate point midway along the road.

(iii) Major A.E.Wood, Royal Australian Artillery Association, requesting permission to make research for type of equipment originally installed at Steel Pt. and suggesting that filling be removed from northerly gun emplacement so that it would be brought back to its original state. The Secretary was directed to inform Major Wood that permission was given for the research and that investigations would be made by the Trust with a view to clearing that section

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/ 10/68 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Lusher, accounts paid since October meeting to the value of $5352-41 wasconfirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Barrett reported that he had recently seen some members of the Life Saving Club using their quarters in the late evening. He enquired as to the rules relating to their occupation and it was agreed that the President should discuss the question with the President of the Club with a view to formulating some regulations.

Mr.Miller reported that consequent upon the complaint of Mr.Burke of Woollahra that he had ~~spoken~~ been spoken to rudely by a member of the staff, he and the President had interviewed Mr.Burke and discussed the matter. At that meeting it was agreed that the Trust should write to Mr.Burke. Accordingly he had drafted a letter, which the Secretary had sent, assuring Mr.Burke that ill-manners or rudeness would not be tolerated from any of the Trust employees. The letter assured Mr.Burke, that he, his wife and friends were at liberty to fish within the enclosure during the early hours of the day, provided they leave the enclosure as soon after 7 a.m. as possible.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

CHAIRMAN SECRETARY

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 15th. December, 1968 following on the meeting of the Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT.

Messrs. G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.Yelland,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Messrs. C.Parkes and H.A.Snelling (Counsellors) were also present.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Board of Fire Commission and Forestry Department, submitting reports of their investigations of Steel Point and Mt.Trefle. These reports would be forwarded with a covering letter to the Minister for Lands as soon as a reply from the Fire Board had been received about installation of fire hydrants.

(ii) Minister for Lands acknowledging receipt of Trust's letter and report on the Master Plan.

(iii) Mr.S.Burke re fishing at Nielsen Park. A letter drafted by Mr.Miller would be sent to Mr.Burke thanking him for his reply to Trust's letter and for his interest.

(iv) Messrs.Hall and Cullen re Deed of Lease for the late Mr.Leonard McCole. Mr.Miller reported that a letter had been sent to Hall and Cullen asking whether Probate had been granted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/11/68 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $456.78 was confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

The question of large organized picnics was discussed and it was agreed that, at this stage, they be permitted but that certain conditions be specified. The matter would be investigated again before the next season.

It was agreed that, unless any urgent matters arose there would be no meeting in January. The President conveyed his greetings to the Trustees for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year and thanked them for their co-operation during 1968.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN G.Kiernan SECRETARY T.E.Schmude

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16th.February,1969 following on the meeting of the Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.G.Crouch, R.N.Walker and C.Parkes.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that he had written to the Minister for Lands enclosing reports from the Fire Board Commission and the Forestry Department, also a quotation from Mr.M.Frail for clearing and removing dead trees and undergrowth from the Steel Point and Mt.Trefle areas. The Minister had acknowledged the letter informing the Trust that the matter would receive his consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were redeived from the following:-

(i) Department of Lands advising the Trust of a proposal to grant an easement to the Commonwealth and requesting conditions required by the Trust - and Trust's reply thereto.

(ii) Messrs.F.W.Hall and Cullen in reply to Trust's letter advising that Probate had not yet been granted of the Will of the late Leonard McCole.

(iii) Fire Board Commission acknowledging Trust's letter re advice on hire hydrants and informing Trust that the matter was being considered.

(iv) Mrs.R.Stratton,Nielsen Park Kiosk, re hooliganism in Nielsen Park. The Secretary was instructed to inform Mrs.Stratton that the complaints of hooliganism,etc. had been referred to the Police Department.

(v) (vi) (vii) Letters from Messrs.J.McWilliam, H.Morris and R.Shannon re problems at Nielsen Park during the swimming season. The President agreed to acknowledge these letters and suggest to these residents that they make an appointment with him to discuss the matters personally.

(viii) Trust's letter to Hon.R.W.Askin re Tresillian Hospital and reply thereto.

(ix) Trust's letter to the Minister for Lands re Tresillian Hospital and reply thereto.

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CORRESPONDENCE. (x) Trust's letter to the Maritime Services Board re boats beaching at Nielsen Park and acknowledgment of letter by the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of busines on 31/1/69 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Miller, accounts paid since December meeting to the value of $4050-80 and $3812-20 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The President reported that during the month he had been informed that Tresillian Hospital had been closed and Mr.Miller had drafted a letter to both the Minister for Lands and the Premier asking their co-operation in maintaining this Home as an historic site. In the meantime, he had arranged with the Secretary to have a gate erected on the hospital road and kept locked to prevent the constant dumping of rubbish and debris.

It was resolved that Mr.Miller draft a letter to Mr.W.B.Meehan, Solicitor, anforming Mr.Meehan that the Trust had deeided to engage his professional services for the purpose of conducting a search concerning the Title and dealings with parklands at Nielsen Park.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12. 15 p.m.

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NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16th.March,1969 following on the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
J.A.Kelly,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller, J.R.Barrett, P.Lusher and R.N.Walker.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:

(i) No further word had been received from the Fire Board Commission regarding their advice of installing hydrants in the Steel Pt.area.

(ii) He had writteb to the various residents who had complained of hooliganism and noise at Nielsen Park and had suggested that they make appointments to discuss the matter with him. So far, no ackn wledgments had been received.

(iii) No further word had been received from the Minister for Lands or the Premier regarding Tresillian Hospital, but a letter had been sent to Mr.Meehan, as suggested at the previous meetimg, informing him that the Trust wished to engage his professional services for the purpose of enlightening the Trustees on questions concerning Title and dealings with the park lands at Nielsen Park. Mr.Meehan had informed Mr.Miller that he would be pleased to assist the Trust.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Minister for Lands acknowledging Trust(s request for annual grant. It was decided that a letter be sent to the Minister informing him of the present financial position and, as no income would be forthcoming from April to October , of the urgency of remedial measures.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Quotation by F.Jenkins & Sons for removal of pile stump in enclosure at a cost of $170-00 was accepted.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Crouch suggested that copies of letters, sent to the Premier and Minister for Lands in reference to finance and Tresillian Hospital, be sent to the local member, Mr.Doyle, to enlist his support and to draw his attention to Trust's concern about these matters. This was agreed to.

Mr.Snelling raised the question as to whether the time had arrived when the Nielsen Park area ought to be controlled by the Woollahra Council or directly by the Wild Life Service rather than by the Vaucluse House Trustees. He suggested that the following matters required early consideration:-

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OTHER MATTERS.

(a) That all similar swimming areas around the Harbour and the ocean beaches were controlled by the local Councils, who were public authorities with wide statutory powers.

(b) That a public recreation, swimming and picnic area such as Nielsen Park, involved many conflicting interests and controversies which may be better handled by a public authority than by a group of voluntary Trustees.

(c) That major changes appeared to be involved by the Draft Planning Scheme for the area, and in view of such changes it may be that the Wild Life Service or the Council would be better equipped to deal with the numerous matters arising, particularly preservation questions.

(d) On the financial side, such changes would need basis revision of revenues and expenditures, probably involving greatly increased expenditures and reduced revenues. Such financial questions could best be handled directly by the Government Department concerned.

(e) Though there were some advantages in Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park being under the one administration, there may be outweighing advantages for Nielsen Park to be under Council or direct Governmental administration, and this would leave the Trustees free to devote their attention to Vaucluse House and grounds, where their interest , experience and inclinations are specially centred.

(f) If, in the future, in addition to administering Vaucluse House, the Trustees also have the responsibility of administering the quite different, though important area of Nielsen Park this may prove rather more than voluntary Trustees, whose available time is limited,could satisfactorily handle.

(g) That if the Trustees were in genetal agreement with these views, the Minuster and the Director should be promptly informed thereof, in view of the forthcoming Legislative changes.

The Trustees agreed that the points raised by Mr.Snelling be circularised to all Trustees so that the matter might be fully discussed at the next meeting and that all Trustees be requested to be present if possible so that the decision might be unanimous.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 28/2/69 was noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Yelland,seconded byMr.Kelly, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $2966-70 was confirmed.

MEETING CLOSED.

Meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

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NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 20th.April,1969 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller, R.N.Walker and H.A.Snelling.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Royal Australian Artillery Assocn.re research on artillery equipment, was noted.

(ii) Department of Lands in reference to Tresillian Hospital, informing Trustees that the National Parks and Wildlife Service is anxious to retain the Centre as part of the Vaucluse House/Nielsen Park Historic Site.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/69 was discussed and noted.

(11) On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since March meeting to the value of $3040-56 was confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The proposals, as sent to the Trustees for consideration regarding the inclusion or otherwise of Nielsen Park in the Vaucluse House Historic Site were discussed. Messrs.Barrettand Lusher stated their reasons for their opposition to the non-inclusion of Nielsen Park in the Vaucluse House Trust and Mr.Miller sent word through the President that he was not in favour either. The remainder of the Trustees agreed to the proposals but were of the opinion that the matter should be deferred for the present, with Mr.Crouch, who favoured an immediate decision,dissenting.

The President reported that following upon the letter to the Minister for Lands requesting finance for the forthcoming six months, Mr.Patterson, Administrator of Parks within the Lands Department, had met the President at Vaucluse House and discussed the matter with him.He informed the President that he could consider only the finances to 30th.June as the estimates for the next financial year were not yet available. He obtained from the Secretary the amount needed for wages and minor expenses and requested that no large repairs be undertaken at this juncture.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10/40 a/m.

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NIELSEN PARK.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 18th.May,1969 following the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
N.P.Walker,
(Mrs) T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.A.Snelling.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Minister for Lands regarding finance for Nielsen Park and President's reply thereto was read and received.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/4/69 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since April meeting to the value of $3260-26 was confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The President reported that:

(i) A senior officer from the Fire Board Commission had informed the Secretary that, after inspection of the Steel Point and Mt.Trefle areas, he did not consider fire hydrants necessary, but that the areas should be cleared during the winter months of heavy growth, and that he would send in a written report to this effect within the next few days. Ss soon as the report came to hand a copy would be sent to the Minister for Lands requesting finance to clear the above areas.

(ii) From the day of his accident up to the present Sid Walker had been paid by the Government Insurance only $26-00 per week. Walker had requested that, in consideration of his twelve years service, the Trust pay him the balance to raise his wage to the normal wage he received, $50-00 per week. It was agreed that, the ruling of the Wildlife Service on Thompson's wages be applicable to Walker's wages also.

Mr.Barrett suggested that as probate had not yet been granted to Mrs.McCole and the Kiosk proprietor was anxious for his lease to be issued to him, it was decided that Mr.Miller consider the legal position of granting a lease to Mr.Ssratton and advise the Trust.

Mr.Parkes reported on the enormous amount of work being done on the kiosk and dwelling by the present tenant at his own expense and suggested that,because of this, the Trust allow him paint for ceiling of kiosk together with materials for the alteration of one section of the roof that had given trouble for many years. Mr.Stratton would carry out the work on the roof during the summer months. Mr.Parkes [illegible]

MEETING CLOSED. [illegible]

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NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 15th.June,1969 following the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT.

Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
G.Crouch,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Messrs.C.Parkes and H.A.Snelling (Counsellors) were also present.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The President reported that:-

(i) The ruling applicable to F.Thompson had been applied also to S.Walker and that Walker had been paid $24-00 each week by the Trust to raise his pay from the Government Insurance Office allowance of $26 to $50-00.

(ii) Regarding the lease for the Nielsen Park Kiosk now that probate had been granted to Mrs.McCole, it was resolved that (1) Mr.Miller draft a letter to Mr.Stratton's solicitors, Messrs.Hall and Cullen, pointing out the difficulties involved because of the Nielsen Park Trust being incorporated in the Vaucluse House Historic Site within the next few months and suggesting that both parties confer at a time mutually convenient; (2) Hall and Cullen then send the Deed of Lease to the Minister for Lands signature before forwarding it to the Trustees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/5/69 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since May meeting to the value of $1799-15 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Barrett reported on the poor condition of the water supply connected with kiosk,toilets and garden sprinklers. He was of the opinion that it would be far less costly to connect with the existing facilities, arranged with the Naval Department for the Dressing Sheds some years ago, than to put a new service through the Park. It was agreed that the Naval Department be asked togrant the necessary permission and that Mr.Marler, the plumber, submit a sketch and quotation for the work.

The advisability of permitting merry-go-rounds,etc. during large organized picnics (approximately four picnincs in all on week days during the swimming season) was discussed. It was resolved to permit these for this season only,and that picnic organizers be notified to this effect.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 12.50 p.m.

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Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 20th.July,1969 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.C.Parkes (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.P.Lusher, G.Crouch, R.N.Walker and H.A.Snelling.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:-

(i) A meeting had taken place between Mr.Hall, Solicitor for Mr.G.Stratton, and Messrs.Miller, Barrett and himself regarding completion of Deed of Lease for Nielsen Park Kiosk. It was arranged that the lease be drawn up by Mr.Hall, giving a five year lease as from 1st.August,1969, for five years at a weekly rental of $44-00. This had been done and sent to the Minister for Lands for his consent and signature.

(ii) After discussion about the cottage at Steel Point, it was decided that it be put into reasonable repair and its tenancy decided by the President and Vice-President.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Minister for Lands re financial assistance for Nielsen Park.

(ii) Minister for Lands regarding Trust's request for financial assistance for clearing Steel Point and Mt.Trefle areas.

(iii) Messrs.F.W.Hall and Cedric Cullen, enclosing lease in duplicate for Nielsen Park Kiosk.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/69 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since June meeting to the value of $1745-03 was confirmed.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.

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NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 17th.August,1969 following the meeting of the Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair), H.L.Yelland, J.A.Kelly, J.R.Barrett, P.Lusher, R.N.Walker, Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller, P.Lusher, C.Parkes and H.A.Snelling.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:

(i) The Lease for Kiosk had been signed by the Minister for Lands and the Secretary had sent it to Messrs.Hall and Cullen, acting on behalf of the Kiosk proprietor.

(ii) The cottage at Steel Point was being restored and would be tenanted by Cedric Robinson, ~~at~~ gardener at Vaucluse Park.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received from the following:-

(i) Mrs.R.Richardson,Vaucluse, regarding the good services rendered by Trust's ranger at Nielsen Park.

(ii) Commonwealth of Australia requiring further particulars in connection with Trust's request for connections to Naval Department's water service.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/69 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since July meeting to the value of $1996.81 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Barrett reported that much filling had been placed on Steel Pt.which had improved that area considerably

On the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was resolved that, as Bottle and Glass had improve to such an extent because of exclusion of cars from i during the winter, the parking area would not be re-opened this swimming season. It was also agreed that the section of Mt.Trefle,commonly known as the tip,be cleared and this would accommodate about fifty cars on Sundays and Public Holidays,but that no charge would be made.The gate on hospital road would have to be placed further back to enable cars to enter the Mt.Trefle area and the matter was left in the hands of the President and Vice-President to have this section cleared before the season commenced.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.5 a.m.

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NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday, 21st.September 1969 following the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT.

Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
J.A.Kelly,
P.Lusher,
G.J.Crouch,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.A.Snelling (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller, J.R.Barrett and C.Parkes.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The President reported that:

(i) The lease for Kiosk had been signed by the Minister for Lands and forwarded to Mr.G.Stratton's solicitor as requested.

(ii) As it had been resolved at the previous meeting that Bottle and Glass parking area would not be opened for the swimming season, Mr.Yelland's suggestion that a parking area at Mt.Trefle be established was worthy of consideration. After discussion it was decided that the President and Vice-President meet Council's engineer with a view to widening the access road and that, in the meantime, the Minister for Lands be informed of Trust's suggestion and request that he give the matter his urgent consideration.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The President reported that, acting on the advice of an officer from the Lands Department, the service of the painter was no longer required. It was resolved that the painter be informed at this stage of the financial position and suggest to him that it would be in his own interest to seek another position.

Quotation for repairs to the diving tower by Jenkins to the amount of $525-00 plus $125-00 for painting, was considered. As an alternative, the top section of tower could be removed and two diving boards replaced on the second platfrom,for approximately $300-00. The latter quotation was accepted. Because of the danger to the public of the tower in its present condition, the work to be completed before the commencement of the swimming season.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/69, was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Yelland, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $2242-75 were confirmed.

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OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Kelly mentioned that, when visiting a car park recently, he was handed by an attendant a paper bag to hold litter and that he considered this would be worthwhile at the Nielsen Park car park. The Secretary informed the meeting that the National Parks Service had these bags and she was directed to request the Service to forward some for distribution.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 19th.October,1969 following the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J.R.Barrett,
P.Lusher,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.A.Snelling (Counsellor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.G.J.Crouch, R.N.Walker and C.Parkes.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Minister for Lands acknowledging Trust's letter re suggested parking area on Mt.Trefle and informing Trust that the matter would be considered.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was discussed and noted.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/69 was discussed and noted .

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Lusher, seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $2786-98 were confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. The matter of dispensing with the painter's services was discussed and it was agreed that, if a suitable House attendant could be procured for Vaucluse House, the painter's dismissal would be reviewed.

Mr.Miller brought to the notice of the Trustees the question whether the land on which Tresillian Hospital now stood would be included in the Trust under the new Act. It was resolved that Mr.Miller draft a letter to the Minister for Lands requesting photostats of the plan as catalogued.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NILLSEN PARK TRUST.

A Special Meeting was held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 30th.November,1969 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.G.A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
J.R.Barrett,
G.J.Crouch,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were redeived from Messrs.E.S.Miller, J.A.Kelly , P.Lusher, R.N.Walker and H.A.Snelling.

MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION. The meeting was called to discuss further the matter of cancelling week-end picnics. When it was resolved at the last meeting to cancel week-end picnics as from 1st.January, 1970, loss of revenue from pavilion hire had not been taken into consideration. As it had been arranged to write to the Minister for Lands requesting further financial assistance, t the President after sending the letter to the Minister considered it inadvisable to suffer loss of revenue at the same time. He, therefore, called a meeting to discuss this particular angle.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr.E.S.Miller expressing his opinion, and also submitted the opinions given over the 'phone by those Trustees unable to be present at this meeting. All were of the opinion that, at this stage, the Trust should honour its obligation to permit picnics already booked for the rest of this swimming season, and to refer the matter to the National Parks Service as to the policy for future seasons.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr.Yelland, who moved the motion at the original meeting, adhered to his former opinion that all week-end picnics should be banned but consented to withdraw the motion on condition that the Director of National Parks and Wildlife Service be advised that it is proposed to ban week-end picnics as from the 1970/71 Season and that he be informed of the loss of revenue which would result.

The Secretary was requested to furnish list of all picnics held during the swimming season and the amount of revenue received for pavilion hire from these picnics.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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NIELSEN PARK TRUST

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16th.November,1969 following the meeting of Vaucluse House Historic Site.

PRESENT. Messrs.G A.C.Kiernan (In the Chair),
H.L.Yelland,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Barrett,
G.J.Crouch,
R.N.Walker,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.J.A.Kelly, P.Lusher, C.Parkes and H.A.Snelling.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Mr.W.G.Stratton, Nielsen Park Kiosk, in reply to Trust's letter in reference to parking of vehicles adjacent to Kiosk. The Trustees regarded the letter as most offensive to Mr.Miller, and it was agreed that the President interview Mr.Strattpn during the coming week ~~and~~ informing him to this effect and requesting a letter of apology.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Quotation from Mr.Marler for installation of new water service connecting with Navy's Main, to the amount of $1370-00 for copper pipe and $1030-00 if in galvanized. It was agreed that the plumber communicate with Mr.Barrett on certain aspects of the quote and the matter then be referred to the National Parks Service.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/69 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Yelland, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of $3858-05 was confirmed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Barrett informed the meeting that the amount of overdraft with the Rural Bank, Bondi Junction, had reached its limit and that, as no financial assistance had been forthcoming from the Department of Lands he suggested that an urgent message be sent, directing the Minister's attention to this. It was resolved that Mr.Miller draft a letter to this effect and the President agreed to hand the letter personally to the Minister's Secretary, copies of the letter were to be sent to the Under Secretary for Lands and the National Parks Service.

Mr.Miller raised the question of difficulties experienced from Football and Social Clubs picnickers at weekends, particularly on Sundays. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved, on the motion of Mr.Yelland, seconded by Mr.Miller, that no weekend picnics be held at Nielsen Park from 1st.January,1970, and that the bookings already made, be notified to this effect. This also applied to Public Holidays. The Trustees to review at the next meeting, consideration of holding large organized weekday picnics, the Secretary to notify those Trustees not present at this meeting, that this was under discussion, and that the Secretary bring to the meeting a list of groups,clubs,etc. who normally hold organized picnics. It was also resolved that a letter,drafted by Mr.Miller, be sent to those holding picnics to 31st.December.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 12.2[illegible] p.m.

CHAIRMAN.. A.C.Kiernan T.E.Schmude